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Mis. House Boston
Aug. 30. 1858.

Miss C. Backus,
Choctaw.–

Dear Miss B.

Your favor of Aug. 5th arrived yesterday; & I must confess that the perusal of it has made my countenance somewhat sadder than is my wont. But let me refer to the different matters in your epistle.

1. What you say of Mr Hotchkin greatly surprises me. I have taken some pains to get at the truth, & I had come to a conclusion different from that to which you would lead me. I received a letter from Mrs. H. (whom I highly esteem) & supposed her version was correct, as it was confirmed by all else that I heard, save the insinuations of Col. P. Our position is peculiar. We ought not to tolerate a bad man as a missionary; if there are serious charges against Mr H. we should look into the matter. Are you willing to be responsible for any allegations of crime, & give the names of witnesses, so that we may endeavor to have an investigation?

2. You refer to the case of Lucy, & Mr H's desire to get permission to sell her. This is all new to me. Is there any thing in this affair that demands an investigation from us? If so, will you have the kindness to give us the needful information?

3. I am expecting that there will be some change in your part of the world on the subject of slavery

before [illegible]. What they will [illegible], [illegible] will [illegible] No discretion is given to any one to withhold my letters.

I have talked with Mr. [illegible] on the subject of slavery; he assented to the views of that subject which we presented in our letter of June [illegible]. I can hardly think that he has [illegible], one for the north & one for the south. One might infer more from certain phrases than he meant by using them. I have heard contradictory statements in regard to Mr Edwards' sentiments.

[illegible] will inform you of the decision of the Com^ee^ in regard to his requests. I was sorry to learn that you had left [illegible] [illegible] time. We do not wish to send out any more teachers till the Com^ee^ shall have decided whether we are to continue the schools or not. I think it probable that they will be given up, especially if Col. A[illegible] represents matters truly. But now we are forced to send out a teacher, if we can obtain one.

In haste,

most truly yours

S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Aug 30. 1858

Rev Wm C. S. Hyde
Spencertown N.Y.

Dear Sir.

I have time only to acknowledge yours without date, & to say that the Prud. Com.ee have decided not to reopen a school at Norwalk. We have considered it settled for some time that we should have no school there after the N.Y. & Choctaw appropriations should cease. And certainly there is nothing in the present aspect of matters to persuade us to change. We anticipate some excitement on the slavery question.

Truly yours,

S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Aug. 31. 1858.

Rev. J. C. Brigham D.D.
Sec. Am. Bible Soc.

Dear Brother

Yours of the 30th I have just received. We cheerfully consent to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] your [illegible] through the press. [illegible] pretty much [illegible] is not [illegible] because of [illegible] changes among the Indians.

Mr. Hall could [illegible] all that will be necessary [illegible] they wish to [illegible] Catechism &c. [illegible] to complete before [illegible] at least, so far as [illegible] with all [illegible]. [illegible] of your other translation [illegible], he might wish to submit the difference [illegible] opinion, unless you take the responsibility [illegible] translation as the one to be printed. [illegible] he could not without Mr. Blatchford's cooperation.

If you can send him [illegible] copy, he probably [illegible] any question which you will submit to him at once. Perhaps he will not need Mr. B's aid in any event, but will say that he can be at the Bible House at an early day. If he thinks there should

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Miss. House Boston
Aug 31. 1858

Rev C. Kingsbury
Choctaw.

Dear Brother

[illegible] letters of July 7 and [illegible] Aug 2. The latter I may not [illegible]. As to the two former I will say that the Com. approve the repayment of $166.93 to C. C. Copeland; and they also approve your advance of [illegible] to Miss Fay. [illegible]

Miss Knight is in Boston. She expects to leave [illegible] week or two.

Kind regards to all.

Yours truly
S. B. Treat

Red Wing [illegible]
Feb. 3d. 1872.

Rev. J. H. Brigham D.D.
Sec. Am. Bible Soc.

Dear Brother

Yours of the 30th. I have just received. We cheerfully consent to Mr. Hall's aiding your Society in carrying the Ojibwa N.T. through the press. In fact, his missionary work is pretty much finished, (though his relation here is not dissolved,) because of unexpected changes among the Indians, &c.

Mr. Hall could doubtless do all that will be necessary at the Bible House, unless he may wish to consult Henry Blatchford, the Interpreter, Catechist &c. His own translation he would expect to complete before going to New York, at least so far as to dispense with all Indian aid. But if your other translation differs from his, he might wish to submit the difference to a native for his opinion, unless you take the responsibility, to adopt the new translation as the one to be printed. In that case, he could act without H. Blatchford's cooperation.

If you can send him the first copy, he probably can settle any question which you will submit to him at once. Perhaps he will not need H. B's aid in any event, but will say that he can be at the Bible House at an early day. If he thinks there should

be fully comprehensive of the two [illegible] as [illegible] the bill, [illegible] Rev. W. T. Wheeler, [illegible] at the same time he [illegible] The mode of proceeding.

The [illegible] in [illegible] Minnesota Territory.

Yours of July 31 I laid before the Pru. Committee last meeting. They have formally authorized the [illegible] of Mr & Mrs Pulsifer to the Lake, & also that of Henry Blatchford.

S. B. Treat

In regard to the "claims", their feeling is that if the Govt. will give land to your station, they have nothing to say as to the quantity. But if they are to pay the whole govt. price, the question requires a little caution. It is clear that we may authorize you to enter & take up so much land as shall be necessary for the convenience of the mission families; but we do not see how we can buy land for the Indians. Will you have the goodness to write back on these points. How much land do you propose to take up in all? How much is necessary for the convenience of the mission families?

Perhaps you will propose to take up the land with private funds. To this that we have nothing to say, so long as you, or [illegible] the [illegible] become land speculators; of which, I presume, there is no danger.

As to the La Pointe property, Mr Stuart made us some overtures, as you know already I doubt not, and replied adversely to making any bargain with [illegible] I took the opinion of the Com. after receiving your

letter of July 31. They think it [illegible]
any [illegible] will not [illegible] the matter [illegible] in

Rev. W. R. Wheeler,
Lake Pokegama

[illegible] in reference to the [illegible] Red River land, asking [illegible] of the govt. will [illegible].

Yours of July 30 [illegible] before the Comm.ee at their last meeting. They have formally authorized the transfer of Mr & Mrs. Pokegama to the [illegible] station among Henry Blatchford.

In regard to the "claims": their feeling is that if the Govt. will give land to your station, they have nothing to say as to the quantity. But if they are to pay the usual govt. price, the question requires a little caution. We are clear that we may authorize you to enter & take up so much land as shall be necessary for the convenience of the mission families; but we doubt as how we can buy land for the Indians. Will you let us have the particulars & write [illegible] on the point. How much land do you propose to take up in all? How much is necessary for the convenience of the mission families?

Perhaps you rather propose to take up the land with private funds. With that we have nothing to do, so long as you, Mr B. & H. do not become land speculators; of which, I presume, there is no danger.

As to the [illegible] property, [illegible] done [illegible], as you know already I doubt not, and replied already to making any bargain with [illegible]. I took the opinion of the Com.ee after receiving your

letter of July 21. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] will get the [illegible] [illegible] in
this way.

[illegible] [illegible] in reference to the [illegible] that [illegible], nothing has been [illegible] of the [illegible] in any way.

Appointments refer to [illegible] [illegible] this [illegible] [illegible].

Have your [illegible] letter of July [illegible] [illegible] before me [illegible] [illegible] for the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] up on the [illegible] question. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] you will have seen from [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] carefully. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. The improvement in the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of your teachers [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to an emergency. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] I suppose.

The Com[illegible] have sanctioned the appointment of C. W. Copeland [illegible] [illegible] at [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to this effect.

Your request for [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] I have considered thoughtfully; [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] suggestions [illegible] to the matter. [illegible] [illegible] all matters connected with the schools, so far as may be [illegible] as they are, [illegible] [illegible] there is the [illegible]. Before next spring or summer [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], changes may occur which will affect all your own plans.

So far as I may say, [illegible] disposed to oblige you to the extent of [illegible] in this thing.

and the [illegible] appointed to the charge of your [illegible]. [illegible] with [illegible] interests. [illegible] consultation with [illegible] [illegible] I think [illegible] understand [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of the

I have your two letters of forty eight & fifty-one before me. I thank you for the last and hope you will keep me well posted up on the Navy question. We shall need all the facts we can get, that we may act with a full knowledge of the case.

Your remarks in regard to going to [illegible] I have read carefully. I trust your decision is of the kind. The improvement in the [illegible] has not really the case demanded but urgent; [illegible] has moved on your teachers. Perhaps he could go to Douglas in an emergency. He is now at [illegible], I suppose.

The Board have sanctioned the appointment of C. C. Copeland of [illegible] be appointed at [illegible] & have written to Mr. Kingsbury to this effect.

Your request for loan of [illegible] I have considered thoughtfully; & would make a suggestion in regard to the matter. Suppose we let all matters connected with the schools, as far as may be, rest as they are, till another year or two. Before next spring or summer we shall have a good deal of light in this matter, & changes may occur which will affect all your own plans.

[illegible]

[illegible] found [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] conversation with me [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Very [illegible]

Yours

[illegible]

[illegible] way. Will you have the goodness [illegible] what the good will do?

Are any steps being taken in the matter of the [illegible] property? I suppose that it is desirable that the case should get into a definite shape pretty soon?

One more. Are we any nearer to the end of the [illegible] claim? What progress has been made therein? Can we not at least have the sale of the money returned? When [illegible] [illegible] to that arrangement [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to be a [illegible] long before this.

Very truly

Yours

[illegible]

[illegible]

W. H. Stewart Esq.
Washington City

Dear Sir,

We had long [illegible] a few [illegible] [illegible] of the U. S. [illegible] on Red River Station a portion of the public lands [illegible] purposes. It is desirable that this should be settled any way so that we may buy a certain portion of the land, when it is offered for sale [illegible] or [illegible] any other way. Will you [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] what the govt. will do?

Has any thing been done in the matter of the [illegible] [illegible]? I suppose that it is desirable that the case should get into a definite shape [illegible]?

Once more. Are we ever coming to the end of the Osage claim? What progress has been made therein? Can we not at least have the use of the money retained? When [illegible] [illegible] to that arrangement, we [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] a decision long before this.

Very [illegible]
Yours

[illegible]

[illegible]
Sept. 30 / 1852

[illegible] Esq.
[illegible] — Dear Doctor

[illegible] is [illegible] her improvement. [illegible] She has [illegible] as an [illegible] fully as other [illegible]. She has improved very decidedly since she came here.

She goes this A.M. to [illegible], & stays over the Sabbath, [illegible] & Brooklyn, & [illegible] some days. [illegible] return about Oct. 1. She is looking for a teacher; but none has come as yet. [illegible] very glad [illegible] much more pleasure in the visit, had my family been in town.

In haste, Yours &c.
[illegible]

[illegible] Boston
[illegible] 1850

[illegible]

Dear Sir

I am authorized to draw on the Treasurer of the American Board for one hundred & eighty dollars.

Resp'y

[illegible]

W. B. Kent

[illegible] of the A.B.C.F.M.

Mass. House Boston
Sept. 5. 1853

Mrs. Wm. B. Wright
New York. —

Dear Madam

Having [illegible] on [illegible] of [illegible] from [illegible] for this [illegible]

I am sorry [illegible] absent [illegible] some delays. Mr. Kent & [illegible] Clark will [illegible] The former [illegible] the latter I am pretty [illegible]

I think [illegible] to make [illegible] inquiries [illegible] something may [illegible]

Clerk is busy. Mr. Watkins [illegible] absent, Mr. Kerting of Norfolk, & Mr. Thomson of Boston, all [illegible] short time. Most truly yours. W. B. Kent

Miss. Home Boston
Sept. 5. 1859

Mrs. H. B. Wright
New York. — Dear Madam.

Finding "Versailles" on two letters to you this Am. I opened; & lo! one was from Mr Gleason. Pardon me for this strange error.

I am sorry that Mrs. Stevens is absent; as this may occasion some delay. Miss Kent or Miss Clark will do well. The former may go. The latter I am pretty sure, will not.

I think you will do well to prosecute inquiries in all directions. Something may turn up.

Death is busy. Mrs Williams, of Mosul, Mrs. Nutting of Aintab, & Mrs Van Lennep, of Smyrna, all gone within a short time. Most truly yours. S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Sept. Augt 6. 1854

Rev O. P. Stark[?]
Ft. Towson, C. N.

Dear Brother

The Prudl Comee sanctioned what I said to you Saturday; & the draft will be paid.

Kind remembrance to the Ladies you left in my family.

In great haste,
Your brother
in the Gospel

S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Sept 21. 1854

Rev S. I. Prime
Ed. N. Y. Obsvr

Dear Brother

Having returned from that wedding, Mr Pomeroy has placed your letter in my hands. He will send a copy of his special report & the abstracts, & I will send (separate, if possible) a proof slip of Mr Knight's report. That will contain the statistics which have occasioned the discussion. As to other matters I must reply briefly; as I am very busy.

1. It does not belong to me, more than others, to interpret the language of the 1st Res. But from what members of the com. have said, I feel confident that they intended to express an approval of the general principles of my letter of June 22 '48 And I suppose the Board, in adopting the Res. meant to do the same thing. In fact, after the report was altered to its present form, the only question before the Board related to that Res.

2. We have four schools among the Choctaws which are not "national", i.e. they are not boarding schools, nor are they supported by public moneys. They are supported by the Board, with a little aid, perhaps, from the Choctaws, & are under our sole direction.

3. I am not able to answer your 4th inquiry

with any confidence. We have written to the Choctaw Council, setting forth our views. We are willing to carry forward the boarding schools on the old basis, but not on the new one. We leave it for them to say whether we shall give up the schools. If they ask for a surrender of them, the mission are instructed to place them at the disposal of the national authorities. The four schools mentioned in No. 3 are not, of course, directly involved in this question. What effect the agitation of this subject, in the nation & elsewhere, will have upon the schools, & the operations of the Board generally, I dare not predict.

Very sincerely
Yours

S. B. Treat

N. B. (1) I prefer that my name should be not be used in connection with any statement you may make from this letter.

(2) Did you know that Gen. Cocke voted for the three resolutions? To my surprise, I have found that Mr Sprague approves the action of the Board.

(3) Your letter respecting the German student I have read with great interest. We are very defective in the thoroughness of our education. That is a good topic for the Observer, after the slavery discussion shall have passed by.

Yours &c SBT

Miss Hender, Boston
Sept 21 1854

Miss M. J. F. Thayer
Buffalo. N.Y.

Dear Miss T.

Though very busy I must tell you that I have received yours of Sept 19 with great pleasure. I rejoice in the reconciliation, & thank you for your testimony in regard to the school.

May the Lord go with you to your new field of labor! And I pray that his Spirit may guide & teach you in all life's journey!

Most truly
Yrs
S. B. Treat

I should have shown Miss. Halls & the Doctor my [illegible] address to the letter of June Sept. 20, 1859 have [illegible] in all that I have prepared, that the Rev. Wm. W. Patton [illegible] the friends of Hartford [illegible] that the [illegible] of hand [illegible] is greatly reduced. [illegible] Resident [illegible] have [illegible] [illegible] Times of the 16th I received yesterday. Though the kind feeling which pervades your letter, I sincerely thank you. Still, I was almost sorry that it came through my hands, for I cannot bear the idea of doing any thing which may [illegible] have [illegible] the continuance of the Am. Miss. Assn [illegible] state that I think time will also show that it necessary for the solution of the hard problem we have [illegible] in changes that it is not best [illegible] to [illegible] the most perfect [illegible]. I think you [illegible] in the Charleston county [illegible] will [illegible] many [illegible]. They [illegible] changes [illegible] a few months. Hence I would [illegible] confidential.

[illegible] say some things at Hartford, tending [illegible] questions [illegible] the Board in the matter, but as I had no [illegible] opportunity. I should have stated a few facts showing change & progress, & have offered [illegible] to comm. & answer all questions, & give all the information in my power. Some things cannot be made public. Hence the [illegible] in public, [illegible].

I should have shown that the Com. have always adhered to the letter of June 22, '48; that they have seconded me in all that I have proposed; that I have done my best to carry out the principles of that letter individually; that the number of hired slaves is greatly reduced, (all the Chh. allowing have the highest desire to preserve life or health,) & I am not aware that there is one at this time in either mission, though there have been 2 or 3 within a few months; that the slaveholding chh. members are less by one half than they were in '48, some having left their churches on proslavery grounds, as they allege; that some few slaveholders have been admitted to 3/4 of the churches in 3 or 4 years & I am not sure that any have been admitted to the other 1/4. (I have written for information on this point.) But as I have intimated above, this whole subject will have new aspects now. The boarding schools will probably be given up, & so no hired slaves will be needed. More fundamental changes I cannot but anticipate.

I hope you will regard this letter as confidential. If you wish to make any statements, founded on this epistle, but not indicating my authority, I have no objection. But I should regret any thing beyond this very much.

Yours very sincerely

&c

S. B. Treat

Miss. Rooms Boston

Sept 25. 1854

Rev. Caleb Burbank

Chatham Centre Ohio

Dear Brother

Your favor of Sept 9, I have not been able to answer till this moment. Mr Wheeler continues to labor among the Indians on Lake Superior; & your boy will be acceptable to him, I have no doubt. His address is Rev L. H. Wheeler, La Pointe, Lake Superior. Doct. Williamson, among the Dakotas, would use it to good advantage. You might send it to him. Yellow Medicine, care of J. W. Bass, St Paul, Min. Territory.

Very Sincerely Yrs

S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
Sept. 27, 1854

Rev. S. W. Pond,
Shakopee, M. Ter.

Dear Brother,

Your letter of Aug 14 reached me Sept. 6, but I have been too busy to reply till now. The Prud. Com^ee have formally dismissed you & Mrs Pond from the service of the Board, at your own request; & they part from you with entire confidence in your Christian & missionary character. They believe that the Lord has called you to a different work.

You say nothing in regard to the house which you occupy. Will you make known your wishes in this respect? The Com^ee will be very ready to hear you.

What is to become of the Dakotas? And where will the Ojibwas be found a few years hence? It is most painful to see these conflicts.

Please to assure Mrs Pond of my affectionate regard, as also the children. And believe me, as ever,

Your well-wishing brother
& sincere friend

S. B. Treat

Mission House, Boston
Sept 29, 1852

Rev. J. W. Hancock
Red Wing, Min. Ter.

Dear Brother

Your favor of Sept. 11 has been duly received; & yesterday I consulted the Com.ee in respect to the premises in your occupancy. They voted to release their interest therein to you, asking no compensation from you. If at any future time you shall feel inclined to make a donation to the Board by reason of this release, no one will say "nay". That, however, will be left to your own Christian judgment. Had you proposed that the Com.ee should quit-claim to you, they would have done so most cheerfully; & it would have been in accordance with our usage. Give yourself no uneasiness, therefore, on the subject, but do what shall seem to you good & right.

The box for you & Mr. Riggs was sent to Messrs. Greenwood & Co., New Orleans, May 3, per ship Corsica. The Bill of lading was also sent there. If you have not received it, you had better write to them, & inquire what the matter is.

Kind regards to Mrs. H.

Fraternally
Yours,

S. B. Treat.

Miss. Rooms, Boston
Sept. 26. 1856

Hon. G. W. Manypenny,
Com. of Indian Affairs.

Dear Sir:

In the letter which I took the liberty to address to you on the 12th of July, I said: "We shall confine our efforts for the present to Yellow Medicine & its vicinity. We regard the Wahpetons as the most hopeful of all the bands; if the Gov. will cooperate with us, in its legitimate province & sphere, I hope & believe there will be results, which will at length cheer the heart of every philanthropist." It is with regret that I feel obliged to write to the Indian Department in regard to an act of Gov. Gorman that seems to us to be the opposite of cooperation.

While I was among the Dakotas a few weeks ago, I received a petition from a number of the most intelligent Indians, asking that a missionary might be stationed at the Rapids, three miles from Dr Williamson's at Yellow Medicine. It was one of the most cheering signs we have yet seen; & I had more hope from this enterprise than from any thing else which has been attempted in that region. I requested Mr Riggs, therefore, to remove from Lac-qui-parle

& the neighborhood [illegible], after much [illegible] there [illegible], after all the expense, the poor [illegible] should be unable to realize the needful arrangements. He had gone forward in his labors, making provision for his family, &c; & every thing had seemed to be propitious.

I have just learned, however, that Running Walker, the Yellow Medicine chief, has complained to Gov. Gorman of Mr Riggs' proceedings, who thereupon wrote to Agent Murphy to this effect: "Running Walker says Mr Riggs is cutting his wood, & he wants it stopped. See to it for him." (I have not received a copy of the letter.) You will see, of course, that such an act must be very embarrassing to our missionaries. It weakens their hold upon the people; & occasions a doubt whether we can carry out our plan of Mr. Riggs' ready comfortable accommodations for his family, before the winter comes upon them. (I most sincerely hope that he will disregard Gov. Gorman's interference, so far as to make a suitable provision in this regard.)

In behalf of the Pru. Com. of the American Board, I must beg leave to protest against this act of Gov. Gorman, on the following grounds:

1. Our missionaries are among the Dakotas with the entire approbation of the U. S. Govt.; & their papers from the Indian Department require all U. S. officers, civil & military, to render them the protection & aid which may be needful.

2. We have been endeavoring for many years to establish the education of the Dakotas; we have spent large sums of money for this end; but we have had but very little success. From the change proposed during my late visit, we have some brightening anticipations. We cannot consent that our plans shall be disturbed in this summary & most unjust manner. If the Indian Department has aught against our missionaries, its communications will receive the most respectful attention. When it directs a suspension of our labors, we shall acquiesce. But we object most decidedly to the interference of Gov. Gorman, on the complaint of an Indian, who belongs to a habitually complaining race.

3. Running Walker has not the slightest reason for his course. He invited Dr. Williamson to remove to Yellow Medicine; & now the people at the Rapids invite another missionary. These last contend that they have as good a right to ask a missionary to live near them, as Running Walker. And is it not so? Mr. Riggs is much nearer to their village than to Yellow Medicine; & they do not object to his cutting timber, but the contrary. Besides, I know from personal observation that there is a large supply of timber in that locality. There is not the least danger of a scarcity; & the reason put forward is a mere pretext & nothing more.

4. The formation of this new station has special claims upon the favor & countenance of the Indian Department. The design of Mr. Riggs, a most excellent

missionary, is to gather about him some of the most advanced & enterprising Dakotas, & push them forward, by various attempts, as fast as possible, that others may see the advantages of civilization, & be induced to enter upon the same course of improvement. The former are already making arrangements for separate farms, comfortable houses, &c. &c. "It is young America against the old regime," as Mr Riggs very truly says. Nor is this all. I have hoped to see the Wahpetons concentrated near Yellow Medicine, that the Sissetons may come down to Lac-qui-parle, & so both bands be placed in the best circumstances for their improvement. There is wood enough at Yellow Medicine for the whole band.

I am the more surprised at the act of Gov. Gorman, as I apprised him of our plans, & conferred with him freely in regard to what we proposed to do.

I beg the favor of an early reply to this communication, as it is very important for Mr. Riggs to know what he may expect.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient
Servant
S. B. Treat
Sec. of the ABCFM

Miss. Rooms, Boston
Sept. 28, 1854.

Rev. S. R. Riggs,
Dakota Mission.

Dear Brother

Your letters of Aug. 3, 19, & 26, with a copy of the one to Gov. Gorman, have duly come to hand. I am pained to hear that Mrs. R. has been so ill; but I rejoice greatly that the Lord has been pleased to raise her up. Please to assure her of my affectionate interest in her.

I am afraid that we are rather too fully committed to the name New Hope to change. You will have seen the Sept. Herald. Had we published nothing on the subject, we might take Hazlewood, which I like very well. Perhaps we may make the change hereafter.

What you say of the war, is sad & disheartening. I read an extract from your letter of Aug. 19 to the Board at Hartford, which made a deep impression. Still I do not know that any thing can be done.

Gov. Gorman's interference with your proceedings I brought before the Comee two days ago; & they directed me to write at once to the Indian Department, as I cannot possibly go in person to Washington. I have accordingly addressed a letter to the Comr. protesting against the course pursued by the Gov. on several grounds. I

ask for an early reply; & I will inform you of the result, as soon as I know it.

You will have seen the account of the meeting at Hartford. It was a mighty gathering. The Slavery question came out straight. I think we are drawing near to the end of this business. When the report of the discussion reaches the Choctaws, there will be no small stir; & there must be some solution, I feel pretty sure.

My eldest son was married Sept 18. The story which my gray hairs tell, therefore, has its confirmation in one important event.

As ever, your brother
& fellow servant
in the Lord

S. B. Treat.

Miss. Rooms, Boston
Oct. 3 1854

Rev. W. Willey
At Trimmonth.

Dear Bro.

Yours of the 30th has just arrived, with Mr Jackson's letter. Mr Clemm writes to me this morning, that Mr Knight has found two young ladies to go with her. I have written to Mr. Jackson, informing him of this success.

Nothing requires your presence at Boston. Mr Teele wishes to come north; & I presume the Com^ee will agree to it. In that case you can go to Dwight, Mr Worth to Fairfield, to live with Mr & Mrs Pierson, who will be there soon. I fear a squall among the Cherokees.

Will you specify your wishes in regard to the young lady you would have go out with you, a little more particularly? Is she to be a mere domestic, with wages? Or some-thing more than this? Will she need an outfit? If I lay the case before the Com.ee I must be able to answer any question that may be asked.

Kind regards to Mrs Willey.

Fraternally

Yours

S. B. Treat

P.S. I presume our Com.ee will choose to wait & see how matters settle down among the Choctaws & Cherokees, doing only what seems to be necessary, at once & probably near

Miss. House, Boston
Oct 3. 1854

Rev. W. C. Jackson
Lowell, Mass.

Dear Brother:

Mr Willey has just sent me your letter to him respecting Miss Colburn. We had received a note from Mr Merrian, saying that Mrs. Wright had obtained two young ladies from Brooklyn to go with her as teachers. I suppose she can need no more. Indeed, I thought one was all she sought to find.

We need a young lady for the Tuscarora boarding school, to take charge of Indian girls out of school. Would Miss C. go there?

Most truly yrs,
S. B. Treat

[illegible] being felt [illegible] Boston [illegible]
some of your members, last Oct. In 1859 the case of
the Choctaw Mission, and that the Prudential
Report had [illegible] Mr. [illegible] of the
Board, [illegible] that [illegible]
nothing further [illegible] than a few words in
regard to our last annual meeting. I was taken
away from Boston four days [illegible] the marriage of my
eldest son [illegible] return, [illegible] have been very busy
owing in part to the [illegible] of my [illegible]
out of the [illegible] I have [illegible] half an
hour's comparative leisure, [illegible] Only
a small part of what I would say could I see
you face to face. [illegible]
We went to the Annual Meeting (the Com^tee & the
Secretaries) with no wish to bring the subject of
slavery, [illegible] as far as it came up in connexion
with the report on the Choctaw mission, & that
report [illegible] obliged to say something about
the new [illegible] of the report
required [illegible] confined [illegible] a brief
narrative; [illegible] to the Choctaw [illegible]
[illegible] from the meeting, though it was [illegible]
[illegible] the Choctaw report [illegible]
[illegible] no diversity of opinion as to the [illegible]
[illegible] of the Com^tee in these particulars, we
had no thought of asking an endorsement of the
letter of June 22 '48, though [illegible] that that
was [illegible] by many of our friends.
I was content to [illegible] the [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] the Board [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] of June [illegible]

[illegible] speeches [illegible]

[illegible] of the Com. on the Churches reported [illegible]

[illegible] the Cong[illegible] report [illegible] expressing faithfully the different [illegible] of our church [illegible] all their shades of opinion, — reported as you [illegible]. Some alterations were made [illegible] that [illegible] generally [illegible] unanimously [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] the letter of June 22. [illegible] did not know what was coming: but [illegible] [illegible] before the meeting, [illegible] knows [illegible] to [illegible], but it must be passed. To [illegible] it [illegible] would have led [illegible] direst [illegible] results. [illegible] [illegible] many [illegible] did not like it. In fact, [illegible] know [illegible] the action of the Board [illegible]. The Respondent is satisfied. On the other hand, nothing has given the Board so much [illegible] [illegible] large majority of the [illegible] [illegible] these facts [illegible] confident that [illegible] facts [illegible] that you will be glad [illegible] know [illegible] matters. [illegible]

[illegible] that [illegible] were said [illegible] the discussion which [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] that [illegible] should [illegible] to produce

[illegible] among the [illegible]
[illegible] but [illegible] every [illegible]
[illegible] pride for the present [illegible] of [illegible]
[illegible] an infelicity that the approval of the letter of
June 22 should have been mixed up with the other question. If the approval had come up by itself, & the Com. on the Choctaw report had confined themselves to the expression of their satisfaction with the course pursued by the Comee, it might have been better.

But when such a question is once before the Board, we cannot know what will be said or done. We enter a storm at sea, & must prepare for whatever may befall us. You may say, "why did not the Comee & Secretary control the matter?" 1. It would have been difficult to do so. 2. It would have been most unwise to do so; for it would have weakened our hold upon the Board & its supporters very seriously & disastrously. I have felt, as most do, that the discussion & the action of the Board, were of the Lord; & though we should have shaped things differently, he is greater & wiser than we.

The effect of these things upon the mission, I have no doubt, must be a matter of much solicitude to you. I deeply sympathize with you; & if my poor wisdom could have directed matters, I would have saved you all needless trouble. [illegible] occasions enough of disturbance at the best; I am not fond of aggravating it. But it is too late now.

[illegible] from my [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
the Com[illegible] & the [illegible] of many of the [illegible]
made upon us. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the
discussion took another [illegible] at the outset
Oct 3. 1854

I shall [illegible] with much anxiety to hear from
you in [illegible] to my business. Please to
keep [illegible] [illegible] informed [illegible]

Most fraternally yours
in the bonds of the gospel
G. J. Lear

[illegible] your letter of Sept 14. I [illegible] sorry
that it did not come sooner, [illegible] I am
glad to know your [illegible]
there is not much occasion to [illegible] of the A.B.C.F.M.
[illegible] coming. The accompanying
letter (please to [illegible] it) will explain
some things. The President of the Board
has written [illegible] expressing his satis-
faction with what has been done. For
us it is eminently favorable; but
for you I fear it will be otherwise —
but let me know all about it
[illegible] [illegible] & [illegible] K will write you
[illegible] [illegible] obtained [illegible] [illegible]
Yours [illegible] G. J. Lear

Missionary House

Oct. 2. 1854

Rev. C. Kingsbury

Choctaw. — Dear Brother

Yrs [illegible]

received your letter of Aug. 14. I am sorry that it did not come sooner; yet I am glad to know your views. As matters are, there is not much occasion for any extended comments. The accompanying letter (please to circulate it) will explain some things. The President of the Board has written to us, expressing his satisfaction with what has been done. For us it is eminently favorable; but for you I fear it will be otherwise. But let me know all about it.

Kind regards to Mrs. K. & all with you. Mrs. W. has obtained two [illegible]

As ever yrs. S. B. Treat

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Chas. E. Mix[?], Esq., Com. of Indian Affairs [illegible]

Mission House [illegible]
Oct. 27, 1854[?]

Rev. Geo. Pierson
[illegible], N.Y.

Dear Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your [illegible] of the [illegible] [illegible] ... 1st Spr.[?] [illegible] at passage[?] [illegible] authority, engaged [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Pearl[?], [illegible] which is [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the right [illegible] Nov.[?] Mr. & Mrs. Hitchcock[?] [illegible] to the [illegible] in [illegible] & Mrs. [illegible] Baldwin[?] [illegible] for the first time.

The [illegible] not [illegible] [illegible], it is [illegible] for the [illegible] [illegible] to suppose that we were [illegible] in [illegible] respect [illegible].

[illegible]

Yes[?]
[illegible]

[illegible]

precedent & [illegible] Sept. 18. 1854 [illegible]

have done all that [illegible] of my [illegible]

[illegible] communicating our plans. But as [illegible] the Commr of Indian Affairs [illegible] your sanction [illegible] the Department, I beg leave to solicit that sanction now; & I hope the omission to apply for it in form at an earlier day, will be [illegible]

I have to acknowledge the receipt of yours dated Oct. 6. At the close of the letter, you say: "the whole proceeding has been without the authority, or even the knowledge of this office, the sanction of which should first have been obtained, as neither Governor Gorman nor the Agent had the right to grant the privilege until that was obtained." Permit me to inquire whether your opinion is, that we could not transfer Mr. Riggs to a new station on the (originally) reserved lands without a direct authorization from the Indian Department? If this is so, it is entirely new to me; for I did not suppose that we were acting in contravention of any rule of the Department. Had I understood that permission was needed for the proposed change, I should have written for it at once.

Gov. Gorman was fully apprised of our plans. Agent Murphy was away when I visited the Agency; else I should have conferred with him. On his return, Mr. Riggs saw him, as I am informed, & told him about the proposed [illegible]

[illegible] the date of July 12, I wrote to the Indian

the way of [illegible]

there is a rule requiring [illegible]

of the Department. Mr. Riggs begs to submit

that [illegible] & I trust the omission to

apply for it in season, at an earlier day, will

be be excused, after what I have stated.

Should the Department delay the granting

of this sanction, the consequences may be serious.

The house occupied by Mr. Riggs at Lac-qui-parle was burnt to the ground in March last,

& about $2000 worth of property was destroyed.

This was one reason for the change which I

have mentioned. If he is unsettled in his

plans, he will have no shelter for his family,

during the coming winter, that will be at all

suitable. And consequences still more serious

may ensue.

I would ask the Indian Department,

therefore, to do whatever it has the power to

do to promote the completion of this arrangement. [illegible]

[illegible] Very respectfully

Your obedient servant

[illegible]

S. B. Treat

Sec. of the A.B.C.F.M.

[illegible]
Oct. 10. 1854

Rev. [illegible]
Rev. S. R. Riggs, [illegible]
[illegible] Min. — Dear Bro.

[illegible] I send a copy of a letter from the Indian Department. The close of it surprises me. I never dreamed that any authority was necessary. I wrote to the Com. July 12, that we expected to confine our efforts to Yellow Medicine & its vicinity hereafter.

I have written to Mr. [illegible] today & I hope to hear from him soon. Perhaps he will wait till he hears from Gov. G. Meantime, I think you had better go forward with your house. You must have a comfortable house. Kind regards to Mrs. R. Affectionately

Truly yours
S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Oct. 10. 1854

Rev. E. Peck,
Cherokees — Dear Bro.

Your letters of Sept 1 & 15 have been received. I am very busy, & cannot write at length. I have laid your case before the Prud. Com. & they authorize the return of yourself, Mrs P. & Miss Lord to New England as soon as you can leave the station in proper hands. Mr Pearson has been sick; but I suppose he is better.

I regret the necessity of your return, but it seems to be of the Lord. Kind regards to all.

Truly yours in the Lord Jesus
S. B. Treat

Miss Home Board

Oct 10 1854

Rev. J. Potter

Seneca— Dear Bro. I have received

yours of Aug. 18 & 28, Sept 11. 26. & 28. The last brings the necessity & extremity which I shall speak of hereafter.

Of the two first letters I have time only to say that I deplore the efforts of the Baptists; but I shall rejoice to hear what Bro. Wright will say on the subject. It is a sad business.

Passing by Sept. 11. which I could not answer before the meeting of your mission, I come to Sept 25. Here my reply is short & you will like it. I am sure

Mrs. [illegible], Boston

The love & salutation [illegible] two [illegible] belong to your mention, viz the [illegible] & the [illegible].

That is [illegible].

What [illegible] you [illegible] now? How long will the [illegible] to [illegible] our [illegible]?

Kind regards [illegible] good [illegible]

Most truly yours
the [illegible] of all
friends

L. B. Lear

Miss. Home, Boston

Oct. 11. 1854

Rev. C. C. Torrey

Stone - V[t]

Dear Brother your letters of Sept 28 I duly received, & gave the money to Mr Gordon. I think you had better lay your plans for going to the Cherokees as soon as you can conveniently get ready. I know not what Mrs Willey's plans are. Perhaps when I learn, I may inform you, as I certainly shall, if the knowledge can be of any use to you. As I am much driven, I will say no more now.

Most truly &c

S. B. Treat

[illegible]

[illegible] Hoyt & Wright [illegible]

Cincinnati, Ohio [illegible]

Dear Sister Wright

I duly received your letter of Oct. 2 [illegible], but as I had [illegible] to make, & [illegible] of business required attention, I have delayed writing to you till now. I am very glad that you have succeeded so well in obtaining [illegible] for the Cherokee school; and in all the trials that you have passed through, there will be a little comfort here. And other instances of God's goodness will prompt you to say, "The Lord has not forsaken me." I am often obliged to fall back upon one unfailing source of quietness, in the checkered journey of life: "Well, it is much better than I deserve." So my heart is still again. There is another thought that might often present itself to your mind: "We are almost at our home!" No matter then, if we have a little trouble now. We can well afford to be disturbed a little, for the glory that is to be revealed. Ah, that future home! Christ [illegible] all that we have [illegible]! Let us [illegible] for it with patience.

In regard to the slavery question, I feel that it is [illegible] now. The [illegible] at [illegible] so [illegible] to me, have [illegible] a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] others [illegible]

[illegible] ... of the ... unfolding ... [illegible] ... constantly. But the day ... & ... & ... events, such as we do not look for.

As you know, I feared in 1848 that the connection of the Board & the Choctaw mission could not be permanent, there being necessary elements of disturbance. But subsequently I supposed that I was mistaken, & rejoiced that the mission did not fall in with my fears. In fact, my relations to the brethren have been very pleasant; & I have looked forward to the final discharge of the Board from that field, our work being well done, with satisfaction & hope. Up to the passage of the new laws, I have thought we might carry the problem forward to its natural & quiet solution, which I have greatly desired. But the Choctaw legislation, & the subsequent action of the Committee, have put a new face on matters; & the elements which I feared in 1848 seem to be at work.

Should we be obliged to dissolve our connection, I shall be the chief mourner. To lose the Choctaw mission, is to me like a sovereign losing the richest jewel in his crown. Our Indian missions will be shorn of their principal ornament. Should the Cherokee mission go with it, my own relations to the missionaries, be greatly changed. Verily, we know not what shall be on the morrow

I trust you will accept [illegible] of my deep & unabated interest in [illegible], & [illegible] in the hour of uncertainty & perplexity.

If I do not love the brethren & sisters with whom you are associated, I do not love any one beyond the narrow circle of my own family.

If that you may be assured [illegible] kindly placed in my [illegible]. May the blessing of a faithful God be with you in your return journey, & when you shall meet the missionaries & your loved people! And in all your remaining pilgrimage, may you have the divine presence!

I subscribe myself

most affectionately

your friend & brother

in the Lord

S. B. Treat

P. S. The testimonials of Miss Pendleton & Miss Woodward came yesterday. They are satisfactory. The Prud. Com. will make the appointment next Tuesday.

Please to assure those of my kind regards & my best wishes.

[illegible]
Oct. 12. 1852

Mr. [illegible] Minot,
Worcester, Mass.

Dear Sir.

Dea. Proctor has kindly placed in my hands your paper on the Nez Percés; & I have read it to the Prud. Com^ee of the American Board. They have instructed me to express to you the pleasure they have received from the communication, & to write to well informed persons in Oregon, particularly our former missionaries, asking their opinion as to the expediency of resuming operations in that field. Some of the facts which you have stated, we shall wish to publish in the Journal of Missions. I subscribe myself, dear Sir,

most respectfully
& sincerely
yours

S. B. Treat
Sec. of the A.B.C.F.M.

Dear Brother.

Your note of Sept 14, & your long letter of Aug. 22, 30, & Sept 4, have both come to hand. I thank you for this full communication of your mind, & especially for your account of our dear Bro. Potter's last sickness & death. I regarded him as a good man; & I expected to hear of his being very useful, wherever he might be called to labor. I presume you have informed his friends of his decease. I know not how to address them.

The doings of the Board at Hartford will give a new direction to the slavery question in all probability. I should have shaped matters differently; but at our Annual Meetings we must take things as they come. I have felt greatly embarrassed by this subject the last four months. There is evidently a difference of opinion among the missionaries; & the more conservative members have pretty much controlled matters hitherto. But there are signs of uneasiness; & just what was to come, I could not tell. Now I feel that we are only to wait, & see what the Lord will do with us.

I would say more on this topic; but I have no time; & events are tending to inevitable issues. God grant that those issues may be for

[illegible] of the individuals of the Kingdom of [illegible] [illegible].

The Com^e cheerfully give Miss McCormic permission to return to the [illegible] matter of expenses, to what extent [illegible] in the circumstances. I shall hope to see her at my house in Boston.

Mrs Wright is on her way home, having left New York yesterday, with two teachers, both well recommended.

Kindest regards to all the [illegible] McC. Mr S. especially Wm J. Field, my honored friend & brother.

Most affectionately
Yours
[illegible]

Miss. House Boston
Oct. 17. 1854

Rev. C. C. Byington
Choctaws.

Your letter of Sept 21 I [illegible] on the [illegible] inst. To-day I have laid your request before the Prud. Com. Some of them suggested the expediency of your holding on a little longer; but, on the whole, I am authorized to say:

1. To [illegible] of [illegible] at Fairfield, on the 30th instant, for the purpose [illegible] for the present, & let the Providence of God indicate how long you shall remain there. Mr. Teele is to return North, after Pearson has finished his work [illegible] I trust.

2. If you feel that you cannot consistently go to Fairfield, & your position becomes particularly uncomfortable, so that you cannot work happily at Yashoo Book, you are authorized to return to the North.

You will have heard what was done at Hartford. Perhaps you will feel that you have some who sympathize with you in sentiment & feeling. But I am so busy that I cannot enlarge. Kind regards to all dear ones.

Fraternally yours — S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
Oct 17. 1854

Rev. S. R. Riggs
Dakotas —

Dear Brother

Private

[illegible] the Indian Department on [illegible] the 30th instant — for the purpose of procuring the approval of your residence at New Hope.

This morning I have received the [illegible] which I enclose

In great haste

S. B. Treat

[illegible]

P. S. In regard to the [illegible] this board, Rev. [illegible] suggest that you get Mr. Chamberlain or Mr. Wm. K. Copeland to sell any [illegible] or account to [illegible] for the [illegible].

Yours &c. [illegible]

21 I received yesterday; & to day have laid your request before the Prud. Com^ee. Some of them suggested the desirableness of your holding on a little longer; but, on the whole, I am authorized to say:

1. In view of a vacancy to occur at Fairfield, among the Cherokees, it would gratify us to have you go there, at least for the present, & let the providence of God indicate how long you shall remain there. Mr. Teele is to return north; & Mr. Pierson has finished his work on earth, & is in heaven, I trust.

2. If you feel that you cannot consistently go to Fairfield, & your position becomes particularly uncomfortable, so that you cannot work happily at Yasha-Bok, you are authorized to return to the north.

You will have heard what was done at Hartford. Perhaps you will feel that you have some who sympathize with you in sentiment & feeling. But I am so busy that I cannot enlarge. Kind regards to all. Turn over.

Fraternally yours — S. B. Treat

[illegible] House, Boston,

P. S. In regard to the publicity of [illegible] [illegible] suggest that you get Mr Chamberlain & Mr [illegible] K. Copeland to sell it, & account to the Treasurer for the proceeds.

Yours S. B. Treat

[illegible] Mr. Wright's owning a slave, I suppose, refers to the case of Phillis. A rumor reached me some three or four years ago, that a slave had been bought at Wheelock; whereupon I wrote for information. Mr. Wright replied that Phillis urged him & Mrs. W. very strongly to buy her, as her mistress was about to marry a man who would not use her well, & who would take her away from her husband & her privileges; that after much entreaty, Mrs. W. purchased her with money left her by will; that papers were made out declaring her free thenceforth, but the transaction was not made public, because of the danger that would accrue to Phillis under the Choctaw laws; & that Phillis was to work out [illegible] Mrs. W's paying the price paid for her. I have heard recently that Phillis & her husband hope to go to Liberia next year.

This is all the information I have for an answer to your question. Copies of the papers made out for Phillis are at the Miss. Rooms.

Truly

Yours

S. B. Treat

Mr. A. [illegible]
New York.

Miss. Rooms. Boston
Dear Sir, Oct. 11. 1854

Your inquiry in regard to Mr. Wright's [Rev. C. L. Davis] owning a slave, I suppose, refers to the case of Phillis. It reached me some three or four years ago, that a slave had been bought at Wheelock; whereupon I wrote for information. Mr. Wright replied that Phillis urged him & others very strongly to buy her, as her mistress was about to marry a man who would not use her well, & who would take her away from her husband & her privileges; that after much entreaty, Mr. W. purchased her with money left lately with him; that papers were made out declaring her free thenceforth, but the transaction was not made public, because of the danger that would accrue to Phillis under the Choctaw laws; & that Phillis was to work out in Mr. W's family the price paid for her. I have heard recently that Phillis & her husband hope to go to Liberia next year.

This is all the information I have for an answer to your question. Copies of the papers made out for Phillis are at the Miss. Rooms.

Truly
Yours

S. B. Treat

Charles E. Mix Esq.
Acting Com. Ind. Affairs

Miss. House, Boston
October 1854

Rev. C. L. Bo[illegible]
Choctaws. — Dear Bro.

Since writing to you yesterday, it has occurred to me that if you should go to the Cherokee mission, it will be well for you to write to Rev S. A. Worcester, Tahlequah, Cherokee nation, informing him of your purpose.

You may feel some objection to this course, because that mission is involved with slavery. But I think the position of those brethren is different from the Choctaw missions. At any rate you might help forward a righteous & wise solution of the problem.

Truly yours
S. B. Treat.

Missionary House
Oct. 19th 1854

Charles E. Mix, Esq.
Acting Com. Ind. Affairs

Dear Sir,

I have to acknowledge your favor of Oct. 14. Permit me to request that the Department will take no step in opposition to the continuance of Mr. Riggs at his new station, without informing us, that we may be heard in the premises. Should the Commissioner find the case clear for the continuance of Mr Riggs, without obstruction, I shall be greatly obliged by the earliest notice of his decision, that we may hasten our preparation for the winter.

Very respectfully
Your obed^t. servant
S. B. Treat
Sec. of the A.B.C.F.M.

[illegible] with.

I shall hope to hear of you at an early day, [illegible] plans. We shall all feel an interest in your coming history. I pray our Heavenly Father to bless you & yours with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ."

Please to inform your son that his request will be attended to. And say to your niece that when she receives a release from her connection with us, the Com^tee will allow her $100. Very truly yours
S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Oct. 16, 1854

Mr. Jacob Hitchcock
Cherokees. —

Miss. Rooms. Boston
Oct. 16. 1854

Your favor of July 27. I have not answered; as I have wished to ascertain the doings of the mission in reference to Dwight. The minutes have now come to hand, & I can speak definitely.

The Prud. Com^ee leave the question of your leaving or remaining at Dwight to yourself. If you still desire to be relieved of your care & labor, though your health has improved, you are authorized to say to Mr Orr that the Com^ee approve the action of the mission in his case, & request him to take charge of the secular affairs at your station. I will also write to Mr Orr & send the letter herewith.

I shall hope to hear of your decision at an early day, & to be informed of your future plans. We shall all feel an interest in your coming history. I pray our Heavenly Father to bless you & yours with "all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ."

Please to inform your son that his request will be attended to. And say to your neice that when she receives a release from her connection with us, the Com^ee will allow her $100. Truly yours
S. B. Treat

Miss. Home. Bost.
Oct 18 1854

Mr James Orr
Cherokees. Dear Sir.

It gives me much pleasure to inform you that the Com^ee approve of the action of the Cherokee mission in regard to your going to Dwight, & request you to take charge of its secular affairs whenever Mr Hitchcock is ready to surrender them to you. I trust that your labors in that station will be pleasant to yourself, as well as for the advancement of Christ's Kingdom. When I have more leisure, I may write more at length. Now I have no time. Kind regards to Mrs Orr.
Truly yours S. B. Treat

Miss. Rooms Boston
Oct 19. 1854

Rev. E. L. Bring.
Chaplain. — Dear Bro.

I have just had a call from Mr. Heald, of the Choctaw Agency. The people there want a missionary. It has occurred to me that you might go there, & make the experiment, so as to find out (1) whether there is a proper opening for a missionary, & (2) whether you could be untrammeled on the slavery question. Mr Heald thinks there would be no difficulty. If you could be located there, & another could be at Mt Calvary, without any trouble from slavery. Mr Hobbs would probably stay at his place, whatever the mission may do. I will consult the Comm. & write again. Most fraternally. Yours S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston

Oct. 23. 1854.

Rev. H. Kelley

Andover Mass. Dear Bro.

Mrs. Seele has leave to return to New England, & Mr. Wm. C. Pierson is there. Horace Fairfield will be unprovided for. Mr Orr, I suppose, will go to [illegible]. Mr Wentz might go to T., but he is single. But the mission will decide.

A female teacher will be needed; & if we had two good ones, I am not sure but we would send them, & let Miss Denny return. She has no faith in day schools. Can you find the needful aid?

Miss Collimore did not go with Mrs [illegible]. She found

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two other teachers of Brooklyn
or Jackson County, Miss. [illegible]
health is not sufficient to make
it prudent for her to go where
she would be exposed to hard-
ship or severe trial".

"Kind respects to Mrs Willey

Very Truly

Yrs

G. B. Kent

[illegible] one or two teachers [illegible]
you. [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] is not hopeful in regard
to [illegible]. Unless she can have [illegible]
[illegible], she does not wish to remain
in the nation. A male teacher is the
best for Fairfield. Can such an one
be found?

[illegible] Mr Foote have [illegible] to come
north. What changes! I have written to
Mr Torrey [illegible] as soon as convenient
[illegible] G. B. Kent

Miss. House Boston
Oct. 25. 1854

Rev. A. Wright,
Senecas. —

Miss. House Boston
Oct. 24. 1854

Rev. W. Willey
St. Tremont(?) Seneca(?) Mo.

I enclose the $25 you request. I wrote to you yesterday at St. Louis, requesting you to get one or two teachers to take out with you. Mr & Mrs. Orr may go to Wright's, & Miss Pierson has died in Illinois, & Miss Kenny is not hopeful in regard to day-schools. Unless she can have boarding pupils, she does not wish to remain in the nation. A male teacher is the best for Fairfield. Can such an one be found?

Mr & Mrs. Teele have been & gone north. What changes! I have written to Mr Torrey to go as soon as convenient. Kind regards to Mrs. W. Yours &c S. B. Treat

If it should be necessary to write before you go west ...
Kind regards to Mrs. W. & others. Yours &c S. B. Treat

Miss. Mis. Rooms, Boston
Oct. 24th, 1857

Rev. Asher Wright, Miss'y
Seneca.—

Dear Brother

Your favor of the 20th has come to hand. Yesterday I laid the matter of your visit to the West before the Com'ee & they cheerfully consent to your absence for the time which you have specified. I hope that your health will be greatly promoted thereby. And may your spirit be girded up for new labors, & trials also, if the Lord shall see fit to send them upon you for your good.

I did not consult the Com'ee in regard to your other movement, because I did not know exactly what you wanted of us. Furnishing the personnel may mean looking up the matron, or sending or supporting her, or both together. I suppose you mean the support, & nothing more; but you do not mention the sum that may be needed. You speak of "a reasonable compensation for services." Is this all that you wish the Com'ee to do for you in any event? If so, how much will you require? Please to let me know just what is wanted, & we will act promptly. Meantime, if you wish only the "compensation" of the matron, you can be pretty sure that the Com'ee will say, "Yes," & act accordingly, if it shall be necessary to act before you go West.

Kind regards to Mrs. W. & others. Yours &c S. B. Treat

[illegible], Boston
October [illegible]

To the Seneca Mission

Dear Brethren

Mr. Potter has forwarded the minutes of your meeting held Sept 26, including the estimates. When the Indian appropriations shall have been made, I will apprise you.

A letter from Mr Potter, Sept 11, has called for information in regard to the relations of Mr. Bliss to the mission. I have not had time to reply, the more other indispensable duties pressing upon me all the while, I could not spare a moment.

1. In my letter of July 6, I remarked that I did not suppose it would be best to give Bro. Bliss a formal appointment, that will place him upon the foundation of the brethren now composing the mission. He will receive an appointment for a temporary service

2. As to the duration of that service, you will remember that I said July 6 "So long as Bro. Potter shall need his assistance". It will devolve upon the mission, under the Prud. Com.ee to say how long the necessity continues, & when it has ceased. I hope that the time will come at no distant day when Bro. P. with Mr Pierce, & such other help now on the ground as he can have, will be able to do all that shall be needful for Allegany. Your

estimates for 1855 are quite [illegible] would be very pleasant. [illegible] that [illegible] Bro. Bliss' salary had better be passed [illegible] of the Com. & I will see to that matter without troubling the mission.

4. We expect Bro. Bliss to perform the duties of a good & faithful missionary in the place of Bro. Hall. No specific instructions are needed. He knows what his work is from long experience. He is to go forward, preaching, visiting, checking [illegible] men from their perilous position, just as you were to occupy the post 20 years. Of course his labors will be under the supervision & direction of the mission, just as Bro Potter's are. The mission is responsible for seeing that all connected with it are in the right place & doing their work well.

5. If Bro. Bliss is present at your mission meetings, he can sit with you as one of your number.

I suppose this statement will meet all points of the case. If it does not, let me know, & I will try again.

Your brother in the Gospel

S. B. Treat

Dear Brother.

It has given me much pleasure to hear that you have entered into Bro Wright's labors. May the Master bless you in all your efforts in behalf of the Senecas! While you do them good, may your own soul be enlarged & quickened!

I should have written to you at an earlier day; but I have been exceedingly busy. This is our working season from July 1 to Jan 1. & especially near the annual meeting. But this year I am obliged to do a part of Dr Anderson's work, & I find my hands full. My unanswered letters almost frighten me. But enough of this.

I have written to the mission in respect to your relations to the brethren, & the nature of your work, which letter you will see. I cannot say that I hope you will long labor among the Senecas; though I hope you will do this as long as there shall be a call for your services. I wish to see Bro. [illegible] & Mr Pierce, now licensed, with such other lay help (male & female) as he can command, doing all that shall be needful.

You are hereby appointed to render assistance in performing the missionary work on the Alleghany Reservation, so long as the mission (under

the Com^tee I shall regard your decision as satisfactory. You will not render the decisions of the mission, just as they do themselves. All questions as to [illegible] kind of effort, or should be submitted to the brethren. In this respect you are [illegible] one of them.

You have seen enough of missionary labor to know what it is. Preach the gospel with all your might & soul. Let your whole heart be in the work, so that you must speak to dying men wherever you find them.

In respect to salary, I propose that we fix a definite sum, such as would be considered reasonable by ministers around you. What say you to $600? I mention this, after inquiring of Bro. Wm Hall what would be regarded a suitable provision. The last estimates of the missionaries I think are rather too high. They have not been [illegible] at least.

Please to assure Mrs. Bliss & children of my affectionate regard.

Truly yours
brother in the
Lord

S. B. Treat

Miss. Home Board
Oct 26. 1854

Oct. 25. 1854

Rev. J. Porter,
Seneca. — Dear Brother.

Your letter of Sept. 11 I could not answer till now. Yours of Oct. on the estimate I have received. It shall be remembered. The letter of Oct. 10 is saddening, sickening. What can we do? I see no way for us but the way before us. We must keep straight ahead, at least for the present.

But this is a poor argument for our shouldering several boarding schools. We must think of it.

Choctaw matters are getting to a head. The mission do not go with us. Mr Stark died Sept. 5. Kind regards to all. Yours very S. B. Treat

Mis. House Boston
Oct. 26. 1854

Rev. G. Rockwood,
Tuscarora. — Dear Brother.

Yours of Sept. 5 I have not answered, because I have hoped to say something about an assistant at Mt. Hope. I feel very anxious to get a suitable person for the post, I have tried to do so, but have failed. Such females are hard to procure. It is easier to get teachers.

Cannot some one be found in your region? Suppose you write to some of the ministers around you. Possibly Bro Gleason can think of some one in his extensive acquaintance. Meantime, I will do what I can. Kind remembrances to Mrs. R. & the Mt. Hope ladies. Yours &c. S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
Oct. 26. 1854

Rev. C. Kingsbury
Choctaws. Dear Brother, I

[illegible] not afternoon!

received yours of Sept. 29 & the 2d instant. I read it to the Com. Tuesday, Oct. 24. The minutes of your annual meeting had prepared me for the announcement, in some measure, tho it would have filled me with surprise. The intimation of your previous letter, I did not understand; perhaps I was too dull. The Com. have not instructed me how to act; & I shall not venture to draw upon my own wisdom at this time. We are in the gravest circumstances. May the Lord guide us! Especially may you & me pursue a course that shall commend itself to all as truly Christian! I feel

Missionary Rooms, Boston,
Oct. 26, 1854.

Rev. C. Byington,
Choctaw [illegible]

particularly anxious on this point.

Let us act in the spirit that the Great Missionary would have us! [illegible] have not desire or plan, which he will not approve.

My heart is [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] I will [illegible] Kind regards to Mrs B. [illegible]

[illegible]

As ever, most truly,

Your brother,

S. B. Treat

[illegible]

Fraternally yours,

[illegible]

[illegible]

Missionary House, Boston.
Oct. 26. 1854.

Rev. C. Byington,
Stockbridge. —

Dear Brother,

Your letter of Sept 15 & [illegible] I would now acknowledge. The [illegible] needs no special comment. The printing of your book is going forward slowly. I am sorry that the printer does not hasten more; but I do my best to expedite matters. Allen [illegible] reads the proofs. But I fear that we shall make some blunders. In fact, he makes corrections that do not conform to the copy.

[illegible] are "the vexed questions" of course, the matter cannot expect [illegible] my [illegible] present [illegible]. The Pru. Com. addresses a letter to the Choctaw Council, according to the [illegible] which is given [illegible] the mission [illegible] that letter; & the fact is known among the Choctaws, in all our churches, & in distant lands! Is not this an extraordinary state of things? Can the mission take such a step, & do nothing more? But I will say no more. My spirit is heavy, when I think of all the [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] Mr. B.

Fraternally & as ever,
yours &c.
S. B. Treat.

I may be confined to do nothing.

I think nothing which [illegible] approve.

Mission House, Boston
Oct 26. 1854

Rev. E. L. Bray
Choctaw Agency

Dear Brother,

In my last letter to you, I intimated that I should write again this week. At our Committee's meeting on Tuesday, we considered the matter of your going to the Agency, by way of experiment. The result reached, however, was, that they feel indisposed to take any step in any direction, while the relations of the Indians remain in their present uncertain state. If you can continue at your post for a while, & see what turns up, they would be glad to have you do so. It is possible that eventually the way may be open for an effort at the Agency.

But, of course, it would not be expedient to do any thing there, except with the understanding that the station is to be conducted according to our principles. They should think there would be no difficulty; but I am not quite sure of that. But the question could be settled, I suppose, with reasonable certainty, in a conference with the leading men at the Agency.

I suppose the connection of the Board with the Indian [illegible] ends. I see no help for it. How the dissolution shall be brought about, is

not perfectly clear. Some [illegible] again.

[illegible] Nov 30 1854

I had supposed that Dr Hobbs might still remain with us, so that he might maintain his position as our missionary; though this may not be certain. Perhaps the storm will be so high & strong, that he will be washed with the rest out of the nation entirely. That is, supposing he is to continue with us. Possibly — a certain people would take a missionary from us, who should plant himself (but [illegible]) in the midst of some [illegible]. If this should be the case, & the Agency would let you stand upon the same basis, we might have a mission north of the mountains, that could accomplish something for the poor Choctaws. I know there are some important ifs in these sentences; & I am not over sanguine in the matter. But such a result is possible.

I do not know how all the brethren will feel about going to the Old School Board. Most, I presume, will come under that Board. Possibly [illegible] might well remain with us; though I hardly expect it.

The matter is left there as before. If you feel that you must leave your station (can you not go & stay with Dr Hobbs & the nation also, you can do so. You may refer to Stockbridge, if you feel willing to do so, which we prefer to your coming north. If not willing, then come north. I think you had better say but little about the feeling here at present. [illegible]

Miss. House, Boston
Oct 2d 1860.

Rev. M. Palmer,
[illegible]

Dear Brother,

I have deferred answering your letter of Aug 29 till now for two reasons, 1. I have really had no time to give any attention to it, as I have much extra labor in consequence of Mr Anderson's absence. 2. I have had some hope of seeing you face to face. I have supposed that I might visit the Seneca mission this month or early in Nov. but this seems to be quite improbable for the present. I am almost sorry that you did not come to Hartford. I could have seen you Tuesday P.M. or Friday after the adjournment.

I am somewhat embarrassed in looking at the Cherokees, & inquiring what we shall do for them, by the slavery question. I have thought it not improbable that there would be some excitement in that tribe, if there should be a storm among the Choctaws. On this subject you can form a more reliable opinion than I can. But we are somewhat reluctant to branch out very much, in the uncertainties of the future.

You say that your family will probably prefer to remain in Ohio for the present, even if you go to the Cherokees. Suppose then that you

should go out again to the [illegible] [illegible] of the itinerant, on a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], as long [illegible] [illegible] shall seem to indicate that this [illegible] the path of duty. If any thing should occur to interrupt your labors, [illegible] you can leave; or such interruption will probably come [illegible], if [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] removal of your family to the Station would [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] time.

Should the plan strike you favorably, I hope you will write me at once, informing me what salary, or compensation, you should accept; or I will bring the matter before the Comm. for immediate action. [illegible] [illegible] have been taken north. Mr [illegible] is dead of [illegible], [illegible] soon [illegible] vacant. Mr [illegible] will return soon, so that the Station can be again occupied. Possibly a Choctaw missionary may go there.

[illegible] I could see you for a few hours. Can you not write [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] as you would like to say to me? Give me your opinion on all matters, [illegible] it will be of use to me, such as plans, defects, &c. what can be done to render the missions more efficient. I am [illegible] [illegible] a [illegible] [illegible] for the Choctaw [illegible] as the [illegible]?

What say you of the slavery question? [illegible] the church's prospects? The [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] platform. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] platform, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]?

Truly yours. [illegible]

Miss. House, Boston
Oct 27. 1854.

Revd S. A. Worcester,
Cherokee Nation.

Dear Brother,

I have letters from you dated June 6. Aug. 24 & 28. Sept 6. & two of Sept 19. In regard to the first I need not say any thing, especially after writing to the mission as I have done in the epistle sent herewith.

To the 2d letter I will only reply, "Please to write to the Miss. House, as before requested." It is the more excellent way, though some do not conform. The question of slavery I shall leave untouched for the present. Let us see what the future develops.

Your letter of Aug. 29 I read to the Com.ee but we have no wisdom to communicate. It is a sad case; but slavery is a sad thing in all its aspects. If your letter to the Sec. of War fails to effect any thing, it may be well to see what can be done. But I must confess that I am shy of having much to do with our Govt. especially at the present time. I went to Washington twice last Feb & March, and am sick of looking to "the powers that be" for any thing.

Your reply to my inquiries touching the admission of slaveholders to the church, &c. is very satisfactory, & I thank you therefor. The facts may be useful in some future questionings.

To your other letter of Sept 19 I will only say, (after writing as I have to the mission,) that I ap-

[illegible] your feelings in regard to [illegible]
missionary as to his going to the [illegible]. Perhaps we too
[illegible] the character [illegible] I hoped that his wife would
supplement him. I am not sensible [illegible] that he has
accomplished so little; but I hoped better things [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] the Clerk; & I have [illegible] [illegible] faithfully
I have also received your [illegible] Tallahassee 29 [illegible], with
comments by the Clerk, as also the letter sent by
you in reply to mine of Aug. 7. S. B. Treat

Of these matters I will only say now, that
the Com[illegible] have not acted on them; but I hope to
inform you soon of the appropriations made for
your mission. The Com[illegible] have acted in accordance
with your view in the case of Miss Hitchcock, the
return of Mr [illegible], & the removal of [illegible]
& Hughes. We shall endeavor to send out another
teacher with Mr Willey.

And here I cannot but call to mind
the sad loss which you & we have sustained by the
death of Mr. Pierson. You have doubtless received
the particulars, hence I will not communicate
[illegible] which I know it is a most unexpected
bereavement, & I hardly see how we can fill
the place (as well as he promised to fill it) at
least, which we expected him to occupy at
Fairfield. But let us endeavor to profit by the
event. Let us bring the realities of [illegible] and the
future, at no distant day, more distinctly before
our minds.

[illegible]
[illegible] 1854

To the Cherokee Mission

Dear Brethren

The meetings held by you May 2 & 30, & Sept 12, have been duly reported to me, through the minutes forwarded by the Clerk, & I have duly noted your proceedings. I have also received your estimates for 1855, with comments by the Clerk, as also the letter sent by you in reply to mine of Aug. [illegible]

Of the estimates I will only say now, that the Com.ee have not acted on them; but I hope to inform you soon of the appropriations made for your mission. The Com.ee have acted in accordance with your views in the case of Miss Hitchcock, the return of Mr [illegible], & the removal of Mr Orr to Dwight. We shall endeavor to send out another teacher with Mr Willey.

And here I cannot but call to mind the sad loss which you & we have sustained by the death of Mr. Pierson. You have doubtless received the particulars, hence I will not communicate the little which I know. It is a most unexpected bereavement; & I hardly see how we can fill the place (as well as he promised to fill it, at least) which we expected him to occupy at Fairfield. But let us endeavor to profit by this trial. Let us bring the certainty of our own departure, at no distant day, more distinctly before our minds.

[illegible] by meditation & prayer, [illegible] to the soul its spiritual & internal [illegible] but often [illegible] [illegible] & [illegible]. The times in [illegible] the thoughts [illegible] upon the end of our work.

How are we to supply the places that call for missionaries? Mr. Willey [illegible] to return soon, with his wife. I have requested [illegible] to [illegible] upon his journey as soon as he can be ready. He will go accompanied [illegible] him to see the field before he proceeds finally [illegible], that there may be no disappointment. If all things are favorable, he will return next year for a wife.

The case of Mr. Palmer is not settled. I have wished him to see, very much, but have not compassed it hitherto. We are willing to send him out on a fixed salary, to perform itinerant service, but the Com^e would hardly think it best to send him as an appointed missionary, especially to a station. I suppose such a plan will suit him. I hope to hear from him soon. As I understand him, he would not take his wife to the station for the present, if he were to go there, as I have mentioned above.

In regard to the arrangements to be made, especially for Fairfield, you can judge better than I can. If Mr. Willey should go there, Mr. [illegible] could stay at [illegible]. Mrs Willey is a good teacher, I believe, & could render aid in that line in an emergency.

You know Miss [illegible]'s feelings in regard to the school. I am not prepared to propose any chang

not yet. If we can supply [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] I shall think it best to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] past. [illegible] to know something more definite in this matter very soon.

Your [illegible] letter on the state of your work & field have received. Parts of it you will find in the Herald. The rest had been anticipated in the Sept. Herald. Let us pray more earnestly for the descent of the Spirit. Is not the time to favor Zion near at hand? How long, O Lord, how long?

Affectionately your brother & fellow servant
in the gospel of
Christ

S. B. Treat
Sec. A.B.C.F.M.

Miss. Ho. Boston
Oct. 21. 1853.

Mr. H. K. Copeland.
Choctaws.

Dear Brother

Your letters of Sept 22, & 29, are before me. I thank you for them. You did right in giving me the information contained therein, perfectly right. Mr. Kingsbury has written to me since the annual meeting, saying that he shall decline delivering the letter of the Com.ee to the Choctaw Council, & gives his reasons very briefly for this course. The Com.ee have taken no action in the case.

I am anxious to know what effect the proceedings at Hartford will have in the Nation. When it is known, as it must be, that the Com.ee have written to the Council, I do not see that keeping back the letter will avail our good brethren much. There will be a desire to see it, & the question may raise whether the Council have not a right to it.

The Prud. Com.ee have consented to the return of Miss Hind (at our expense) to New England, at such time as she shall choose. I did not lay your own request before the Com.ee because you do not propose to come north till spring. I presume there

will be no obstacle interposed by the Com. to your keeping open in such but the convenience of yourself & Mrs C. I fear that we have no places in other missions which you can occupy with propriety, considering the state of your health. But we will see.

I hope you will still keep me advised of what transpires in reference to the slavery question. We want all the light which we can obtain.

Affectionate greetings to Mrs. C. & Miss Arms. To the latter I presume it is not necessary that I should write. She has the full consent of the Com. to the course above indicated.

Fraternally
Yours

S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Oct. 3rd 1854.

Rev. E. S. Lacy,
Crescent City, Cal.

Dear Sir,

Your favor of Aug. 6th has come into my hands. I am thankful that you consider the spiritual wants of the Indians near you; & if the way should be clearly opened for us to enter such a field, we should be happy to do what we can.

You are aware, however, that our operations have become somewhat extensive & expensive. We are full up to our receipts; in fact, our work presses us beyond the point to which the churches have come hitherto. And we are not perfectly sure how we are to be sustained hereafter.

In these circumstances, we must proceed with some caution in opening new missions. Japan may throw open its doors very soon; & we may feel inclined to step in, for various reasons. Our experience in the prosecution of Indian missions in your part of the world has not been encouraging. We have spent large sums of money there; & yet the fruit has not been abundant.

Our attention has been called to the Nez Perces, whom we abandoned after the massacre

of Dr Whitman & his family. I am getting information in respect to these & to others in Oregon. And I shall get all the facts that I can command touching those in your vicinity.

If any new light breaks upon you in reference to the aborigines near your residence please to communicate it, & I shall be much obliged thereby.

Fraternally
Yours

S. B. Treat
Sec. A.B.C.F.M.

Oct 30. 1854

Rev. E. Walker,
& C. Eells,

Dear Brethren

I have received letters from Mr. Walker, dated March 9, & Mr. Eells dated Feb 27 & April. For the information therein communicated I am much obliged to you. The Meth. Mis. Soc. have withdrawn their claim; so we shall have no further trouble from that question.

I send herewith a Journal of Missions to each of you, in which you will see a communication from Maj. Alvord respecting the Nez Percés. As I am informed, he is a very worthy man; & the Com^ee have thought it best to make inquiry in respect to the state of things among those Indians. They wish me, therefore, to address you upon that subject.

Will you have the goodness then to give me your opinion as to the expediency of our resuming our operations in that quarter? What are the reasons for & against such a step? I do not write to Mr. Spalding on the subject; as I do not know where he is at the present time. Is it best that he should re-enter the missionary field, even if it is desirable to attempt something in behalf of the Nez Percés?

Oct. 7th 185[illegible]

Permit me to enquire whether there are other tribes of Indians, among whom it is right to commence missionary efforts in your part of the world? Your knowledge & experience in this work will enable you to give us information that is more reliable than any thing else we can get.

Rev. O. S. [illegible], of Crescent City, Cal. has written to us in respect to the Indians in his neighborhood. His place is 12 miles from Oregon, on the sea coast. Have you any opinion on this question? If so, I shall be obliged to you for it.

I may say that I think our Board will not embark in any such enterprise, without seeing their way pretty clearly before them. Our missions in other parts of the world draw largely upon us, & will continue to do so. We do not wish, therefore, to engage in any doubtful enterprise.

Please to present my affectionate regards to your families.

I am as ever,

your brother & fellow-servant in the gospel

S. B. Treat

Mis. House Boston
Oct 3rd 1859

Rev. W. C. Reeves,
Augusta, Ga.

Dear Sir

Your letter of the 7th instant was received in due time. The intelligence which it brought, took me entirely by surprise; & I must say that I have seldom been more saddened by the death of one of our fellowlaborers. The accounts which I have received from the Cherokee Nation, have been quite favorable in regard to ones prospect of usefulness; & I was looking with the thought of his going to Fairfield mission, as we have given leave to Mr Sele & his family to return to New England. I felt that the absence of Mr S. would scarcely be felt, such were your son's qualifications for occupying the post.

But, alas! our anticipations are disappointed. We have lost a valuable co-worker; the Cherokees a kind & helpful friend; you an affectionate son; & his wife a warm-hearted & worthy husband! So many, & so great, are the sorrows which this event has occasioned! From a letter which you once wrote to me, I presume you are no stranger to the consolations of this trying hour. It is a dis-pensation, that such a young man, just at

the stage of his journey, about to enter upon so good a work, in a new & most interesting relation, should be cut down. But God does many strange things that he may try us, & show us, & show others also, what is in our hearts. He gives no account of his matters. He is the Sovereign of the universe. But he does all things well. If he takes aught from us, he is ready to give us something far better, even himself!

Let me commend you to Him, & above all to our Great High Priest, who can be touched with a feeling of our infirmities. Wonderful is the power of his grace. Prove it, that you may know its preciousness, & feel its healing, subduing influence.

Please to assure your family of my heart felt sympathy in this trial. And especially remember me most tenderly to the widowed bride. We had just appointed Mr. ____, in due form, assistant missionaries of the Board; when, lo! he was not, for God had taken him! I will not venture to speak to such a sorrow. I can only say that I feel most strongly & tenderly for her.

Very respectfully
& truly
Yours
S. B. Treat

P. S. I expect George here in some two weeks to sail for the Pacific.

Miss Clara Barton
Oct. 30 1884

Mrs. Hannah Selfridge
Philadelphia. –

Dear Madam

I have just received a letter from Mr. Stark, informing me of the unexpected death of your daughter. I was entirely unprepared for this sad event, & it has come upon me with all the force of a personal bereavement. My acquaintance with your daughter was but slight, & yet I knew her well. I have heard much of her, & have had a high estimate of her worth & her usefulness. I feel that we & the Directory have lost a kind, & valued friend.

"And now what shall I say to you dear Madam? You cannot but mourn the death of such a child. I saw your parting. Little did I dream that it was to be final, & so soon proved to be final. I felt then that not many mothers has such an offering to make to the missionary work. Still what cause of thankfulness have you in the fact that God has given you so good & dear a child! The more you feel the bereavement, the more you should praise him for the precious boon! Your sorrow is deep, because he gave you the richest of earthly blessings.

And where is she now? Can you hesitate as to the answer?

Mil. Rooms, Boston
Oct. 31 1854

Dr. C. L. Noble
Cleveland.

among the shining ones". No. Shame no doubt of it. And should you bring her down from that high place? So they a mother's love! No. Let her stay with the pure & the good, her fit companions, with Jesus, her Saviour & Lord. Will you not say, "Even so Father, for so it seemeth good in thy sight"?

I am, most lovingly
Your friend & brother in the gospel

L. B. Treat

Rev. S. L. Hobbs,
Choctaws.

Dear Brother

Your letter was received & read with much pleasure. The action of the mission surprised me in one respect; for I did not suppose that they would send the letter of the Prud. Comee to the Choctaw Council, & stop just there. Having done so much, they ought to have done something more.

What is to come of this strange state of things? I wait with much anxiety the effect of the doings at Hartford on the Choctaws. That the mission will keep with God much longer, seems very improbable. How many will go to the Old School Board?

They want a missionary at the Choctaw Agency, at Skullyville, & Bro. Byington in respect to going there. The Prud. Comee are not prepared to make any decisive movement in that direction, till they see what is to be the issue of the action of the Board at Hartford among the Choctaws. They prefer to wait a little. But if Bro. Byington could hold himself in readiness for a while, visiting from the Agency perhaps, we should like it. Possibly something may come of it.

How will your people feel in regard to our staying on our platform? Will they sustain it? — is it really expedient? Would Mr McCarteni's neighborhood be willing to surrender one of our missionaries, supposing Mr. Upton Brethren to leave us? One thing is clear. If we continue our efforts in your part of the nation, it must be in known accordance with our principles. We must stand upon a broad & well defined platform.

Would all these other missionaries leave us? Would Bling Fisk go also? These are questions of special interest. I am not able to answer them fully. I was a little surprised that [illegible] of the ordained brethren went for keeping back that letter. Bros. Stark & Copeland have talked to me in a way to produce a different impression in regard to their sentiments.

Please to keep me well informed as to these matters. We shall need all the light we can get. It may be well for you to put yourself in communication, in respect to the Agency, with Bro. Boring.

Affectionate greetings to Mrs. Hobbs.

Fraternally

Yours

S. B. Treat

P.S. If the schools should stop, is there no one of the teachers who would go to your station? Would you desire this?

Miss. House Boston
Oct 31. 1854

Mr B. F. Hall,
Seneca[illegible]

Dear Sir

As the status of your mission may not be settled upon just yet, I have requested the Com. allow $60 for repairs about "boarding house" at once. They have done so; & you may expend the amount for that purpose.

In haste
Truly Yrs
S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Nov 2 1854

Rev. W. Willey,
Andover, Ms.

Dear Brother [illegible]
Your [illegible] of the 28th reached me yesterday. The appointment of Mr. Willey was delayed for some time, because [illegible] you would [illegible] "home" or a "foreign" missionary. [illegible] understood [illegible] that you might become a "home missionary", with only a supplementary support from us, [illegible] would not be [illegible]. Since [illegible] to the Cherokees [illegible] "foreign" [illegible]. Our Com. [illegible] have been very busy. The last two meetings especially did not allow [illegible]. Had they done so, [illegible] would have [illegible] an appointment. It will probably be the first [illegible] next Tuesday. I have no doubt that the testimonials will be regarded as sufficient. Your mind, therefore, may be at rest on this subject.

I have tried to find Miss Rebecca [illegible], but she has gone, [illegible], where I do not know.

I send this to Andover, supposing it will not reach you in South Yarmouth. [illegible]

Kind regards to Mrs W. Truly yours S. B. Treat

Mission House Boston
Nov 2 1864

Rev. Mr. Willey,
Andover, Ms.

Dear Brother

Yours of the 28th reached me yesterday. The appointment of Mrs. Willey was delayed for some time, because it was not settled whether you would go out to the "Nation" as a "home" or a "foreign" missionary. If you were to go on the "home" basis, & should take a release from the Board, that you might become a "home missionary", with only a supplemental support from us, it would not be necessary for Mrs. W. to be appointed. Since it has been clear to my own mind that you would return to the Cherokees on the "foreign" basis, our Com^ee have been very busy. The last two meetings especially did not clear the docket. Had they done so, Mrs W. would have received an appointment. It will probably be the first case acted on next Tuesday. I have no doubt that the testimonials will be regarded as sufficient. Your mind, therefore, may be at rest on this subject.

I have tried to find Miss Rebecca Mason; but she has gone west, where I do not know.

I send this to Andover, supposing it will not reach you at South Yarmouth.

Kind regards to Mrs W. Truly yours, S. B. Treat

Mission House, Boston
Nov. 3^d 1854

Rev. S. R. Riggs
Dakotas.—

Dear Brother

Yours of the 25th Sept. is now before me. It reached the Miss. House in 30 days, which cannot be considered "fast" travelling in these days.

I am sorry that I did not understand the matter of the name as you did. I did not suppose that you wished the question reserved for consideration, after I should have left the country. Hazelwood is a very good name, & should have made no objection to it. But "what's in a name"? If the new station inspire us with "new hope" from its success, we shall all think but little of other matters.

I have received this morning a letter from the Com^r of Indian Affairs, enclosing copies of yours to Gov. Gorman, dated Augt 26, the reply of Gov. Gorman dated Oct. 13, to yours, also his reply to the Com^r, dated Oct. 18, which I send herewith. The Com^r says to me Oct 31, that the report of Gov. G. (i.e. the letter herewith sent) meets with his "approval". He also says that from Gov. Gorman's to you we shall perceive "that no objection was made to his (your) occupying the location." So this matter is settled, I trust. Perhaps the Gov. will be more cautious hereafter. We shall see.

I hope the affair will keep the Indians from this sort of complaining & intermeddling. It is time that they understand some of these matters more perfectly.

It should be said of the Department at Washington that it has acted with promptness in the case. My letters have received immediate attention, which was not true under Col. Lea.

Please to give me all the news in regard to your present station. I feel a deep interest in its success. How do those petitioners get along? Are they all about you, pushing ahead? I long to hear that they are doing well, & are a comfort to you.

Affectionate regards to Mrs Riggs & the children

As ever, most truly

yours

S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Nov 4. 1854

Mr. H. B. Wright
Cleveland. —

Mission House Boston
Nov. 3. 1854

A. H. Stewart Esq
Washington. — Dear Sir.

Permit me to inquire if there is no possibility of getting the Osage matter adjusted. We are very desirous of seeing the end of the business.

Will you give me precise information in regard to the money retained to await the decision of this question? Where is it? What security have we for its safe return? Is it drawing interest? If the Osage matter is not settled, why cannot we have that money at once?

Very respectfully yours

S. B. Treat

Mis. House Boston
Nov 4. 1854

Mrs. H. B. Wright
Choctaw. —

Dear Madam,

I wrote a letter to you at Cincinnati; which, I trust, you duly received. My object in writing now is to ask for a little information. It is made a ground of objection in Ohio that a person connected with your mission, after the Hartford meeting, said that Mr Treat's letter ought not to have been endorsed; that a slaveholder had been recently admitted to one of the churches; also, "I am not one of those who believe that slaveholding is prima facie a sin; if I had the means, I would buy two slaves." No name is mentioned; but I suppose the reference is to yourself. As it may be of some consequence to us to know the precise facts, I beg you to let me have a statement of what you actually said on that occasion. It seems to have been in the cars, on your way to New York.

Very sincerely
Your friend & brother
in the Lord

S B Treat

Mis. House Boston
Nov. 8 1854

Rev. W. Willey,

Dear Brother

The Committee appointed an assistant missionary of the Board with entire cordiality. I have not heard what your plans are. I think it is desirable that Miss Denny be released from Fairfield, that she may go to Lees Creek, & teach a few boarding pupils.

Kind respects to Mrs W.

Truly
Yours

S. B. Treat

Missn. House Boston
Nov. [illegible] 1854

Rev. Joseph C. Brigham, D.D.,
Sec. Am. Bible Society.

Dear Brother You will wonder, I doubt not, why I do not answer your letter of the 6th Nov. I laid it before the Prud. Comm. yesterday. They will cheerfully consent to Mr. Worcester's doing any thing towards getting out a Cherokee New Testament entire, which he shall feel that he consistently can do; & you are at perfect liberty to correspond with him on the subject. I have my doubts, however, whether the work can be ready for the press for some time to come, because of the amount of labor which will be necessary.

Rev. S. Hall is making preparations for pitching his tabernacle in Benton Co. Minnesota Territory. I do not know what his plans are, as I have not heard from him for some weeks.

Fraternally
& truly
yours,
S. B. Treat,
Sec. A.B.C.F.M.

In regard to the $, but one [illegible]
to conduct the business. If they [illegible] you [illegible] properly
[illegible] will be sufficient. For want of
a [illegible], the individual opinion of Messrs
Worcester, Ranney, or [illegible] will [illegible] for your
contemplated change [illegible]. You will wond-
er, I doubt not, why I do not answer your letters
of Aug. 19, Sept 8, & Sept 23 [illegible] before ex-
celling [illegible] for some weeks [illegible]
about [illegible]. I have thought of your need (more than of that
of any one connected with us. "What shall be done
for Miss Denny?" has come up for a [illegible] problem al-
most daily, if not hourly. I have thought of other fields,
among our Indians, & across the Atlantic; but the doors
have not opened as yet; perhaps they will not, as it
may not be the Lord's will. The death of [illegible],
which I greatly deplore, has complicated the case.
We have no provision for Fairfield, if you leave, but
it is [illegible] to tell the people that they may have no school.
Such things are to be avoided among Indians. I have
written [illegible] to get a teacher; but he has not
reported any success. Thus the case stands.

I have laid the matter before our Com.ee [illegible]
a letter from Mr Ranney. I am authorized to say thus
much. If there are not constraining reasons for your
remaining at Fairfield, you are at liberty to go to
[illegible] Creek, for Dwight, if Miss [illegible] goes to Fair-
field, & to take a few boarding pupils, teaching them,
with day scholars. This plan, I suppose, will meet
Mr. Ranney's views. Affectionately yours, S. B. Treat

In regard to the 1st, let [illegible] [illegible] to call to conduct the matter. If they [illegible] you can properly [illegible] [illegible], that will be sufficient. For want of [illegible] [illegible], the [illegible] opinion of Mess. Worcester, Ramsay, &c will be a [illegible] for the contemplated arrangement for want of time, in part, & because we do not wish to start a [illegible] [illegible]. Many have [illegible] in the Charter & [illegible] if you [illegible] [illegible] in the [illegible] [illegible]. There is nothing that so many pupils should be [illegible] in the family, as one [illegible] accommodates, of the [illegible] [illegible]. Such a system [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] & it can be [illegible] easily, if there are [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] day [illegible]. I hope you will not make any promises or arrangements that shall bind you or the [illegible] to a long continued effort. Let the future be left to the disposition of Providence. Let the whole affair be an experiment, & we will see what will come of it, ready to be instructed by all its lessons.

This system, moreover, is more [illegible] on the whole. The children come under a family influence, which they do not feel in a large school. Of this I am quite confident.

Had I time, I would write a long letter. I have had many thoughts about day schools like yours [illegible] [illegible]. I almost agree with you; perhaps quite. But I [illegible] [illegible]. I [illegible] write to Mr. Ramsay. [illegible]

Kind [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Affectionately yours B. Sears

You will have heard [illegible] Buker [illegible] who [illegible] Nov. [illegible]

Rev. T. E. Ranney,

Dear Brother—

Yours of Sept. 4th [illegible]

I have not answered for want of time, in part, & because I did not know what to say in reply. The case of Miss Denny has received not a little thought within the last few weeks. She is fitted for a more important sphere than a day school at Fairfield; & I do not think she will remain there long. Besides, the Pru. Com. are favorable to the family boarding school plan. If the mission had asked for an appropriation to support & educate Cherokee children in their families, at any time, the Com. would have granted it. We regard this as a more effective system; & it is less of [illegible] while you can stop whenever it shall seem best.

Should any of the brethren approve of Miss Denny's leaving Fairfield, you are at liberty to invite her to Lee's Creek, taking as many boarders as you can well accommodate. It would not be best to go into any extra expense for house accommodations; but the boarding extra expense we will pay. When you learn what will be needed, let me know, & we will make a special appropriation for the case.

I have written to Mr. Willey to get a teacher for Fairfield; but I doubt whether it is best to try to keep Miss Denny there in any event. It is not the field for her.

You will have heard [illegible] Home [illegible] Hopewell the $100. They [illegible] within specifically.

Mr Kelley is getting ready to return. He lets me know [illegible] of his plans. What I am not sure of is when you may expect [illegible]. I know not what arrangement you will make [illegible] [illegible], Mr Perkins' death is a sad event. But the God of missions has done it; this work will go on. I have thought that you might perhaps [illegible] Mr Kelley there, [illegible] Mr [illegible] stay at [illegible] with Mr Orr, but you will know best.

Mr Storey, I suppose, will be a long [illegible]. He will go out for the winter; & if all is favorable, will return & take a wife. He [illegible] he will [illegible] intelligently; there will be no disappointment, as there was in Mr Scott's opening missionary labors.

Affectionate regards to Mrs Kearney

Very lovingly

your brother in the Lord

L. B. Treat

Mis. House of [illegible]
Nov 13 1858

Rev. A. Bliss
Cong^a &c.

Dear Brother

Yours of the 5 & 25 Oct I have duly received. I thank you for the information you gave in regard to the state of religion on the Reservation. May you be permitted to expect far greater blessings than these! I long very much to hear of a mighty & thorough work of grace there.

I am anxious to hear from you in regard to the matter of salary. Things are so uncertain on the Alleghany Res. that our Com^ee will not wish to expend any thing beyond what is necessary. They will prefer an arrangement, therefore, that is temporary, inasmuch as we may find that we have not work enough for more than one missionary. Hence they will prefer the form of a salary, definite & known, for such a period as the Lord seems to indicate by his holy & blessed teachings.

I mentioned $600 after conferring with Sec. Hall. It seems to me (& so he thought) that this is a liberal allowance. Is it not as much as you would expect to receive in almost any congregation in that region where you might be called to settle? We ought not to go beyond the salaries of the pastors.

up to the horse & buggy. Let me ask if a pastor having his salary would not provide himself with these articles? You may say that the reason of your place is uncertain. Yes, but that is one reason why we do not [illegible] to expend a large sum in this way. Should events should so shape themselves that we should feel obliged to quit the Reservation in one year, where are we then?

If [illegible] there should be any hardship in the case, by reason of your leaving the field within a comparatively short period, I have no doubt the Comm^e would allow what is right in the matter, but I would ask whether you are not willing to go forward with $600, for all expenses, leaving contingent hardships & difficulties to be disposed of hereafter.

Christian greetings to Mrs. Bass.

Most truly
Yours
L. B. Treat

Miss. Jones Boston
Nov 13. 1854

Messrs Platt & Stewart
Washington DC

Gent.

Received Mr. Stewart's favor of Nov. 8, for which I am obliged. The Statement in regard to the Highlander money is according to my former understanding; but some information which I have probably misapprehended, led me to ask the question & am glad to be "posted up".

I think you had better try the methods Mr Stewart & myself talked over last March. When we get a decision, we will see what should be done.

Very truly yours
[illegible]

Miss. Rooms Boston
Nov. 14. 1854

Rev W. Willey,
Goffstown N.H.

Dear Bro.

Yours of the 10th is received. Miss Willey's name was omitted by mistake in minute of the 8th. It was she that was appointed.

If Miss Denny goes to Lees Creek, as I expect, one teacher will suffice. At one time I thought of asking her to occupy another post; but Providence has indicated a different solution.

As it may be important to have Fairfield provided for soon, I think you had better not spend any of the time in looking up a teacher. Find one, if you can without delaying your return; otherwise not. Truly yours S B Treat

Miss. House Boston
Apr. 14. 1854

Rev. J. Patterson
Seneca — Dear Bro.

Yours of the 7th I am obliged to say that I cannot leave Boston at present, & neglect my duties at the Miss. House. I am not sure that I am sorry that I am unable to attend your "big meeting." For I cannot frame to myself a certain, reliable notion of the good I should do there. Possibly I might make matters worse; if I stay away, they will not be.

I think you are right in thinking that we shall know where we are better a year hence. The boarding schools seem to render some plan of [illegible] but we will see. Regards [illegible] Yours [illegible]

Miss. Home, Boston

Nov. 14 1856.

Rev. A. Wright

Senecas — Dear Bro.

I have your letters of Nov. 7 & 11, with one from Mr. Ford [illegible] & another from him, [illegible] & Strong. You are authorized to put the rooms in order, according [illegible] plan, in addition to the pro-curement of the materials, [illegible] the Com.ee will pay, if necessary. Let the [illegible] improvement be [illegible] therefore, without delay.

I do not expect to visit the Senecas at present; so that you can go make your [illegible] tour, when you please. Please to present my respects to the 3 chiefs. The letter of [illegible] I did not send to the Com. for lack of time. I

shall probably close next week.
I don't know that we can do any thing, but possess our souls in patience. The case is beyond the control of the Secretary of the Baptist & Methodist Miss. Societies. I do not exactly understand the state of things on the Allegany Res. but my attending a great meeting there I think will do no good. Besides I have enough to do at home just at present, & can't leave.

Affect. regards to Mrs Wright

Fraternally

Yours

S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston

Nov. 14th 1854

Rev. Wm. Bailey,

Schoolcraft Landing. Dear Bro.

I send a copy of these the material extracts of Mrs. Stark's letter, that you may prepare a notice of Mrs. S. The Herald will contain but a short notice. May I hope some missionary will write a fuller sketch, as that would be better than a mere formal eulogy. We sent a considerable extract to most of the monthly concerts; did not you receive the Extra Journal for Nov.? Mr. Hale would like to publish an extended notice, if he had the material. She was a most excellent woman. The mission loved her; the Church also loved her.

Kind regards to Mrs. Bailey. Truly yours,

S. B. Treat

Miss. Home Boston
Nov. 16. 1854

Rev. M. Palmer, M.D.,
Fitzsimilla Meigs Co. T.

Miss. Home Boston
Nov. 18. 1854

Rev. S. A. Worcester,
Cherokee — Dear Bro:

The copy of your letter to the N. Y. Observer, Oct. 9, & yours of Oct 16. I have received; & for them I am much obliged. I am waiting anxiously to know the sequel.

A question arises. Shall Mr. Torrey go to the Cher. Nation in this state of things? He is wanted at Stone N— for the winter. Ought I to send him forward? I think I shall wait for your answer. Please to write at once.

Dr Palmer is willing to go out as a [illegible] labourer, for the itinerant service. But as matters are now, the Com hesitate: what say you of his case?

Respecting [illegible] Truly yours S. B. Treat

Mission House, Boston
Nov. 16th 1854

Rev. O. P. Stark,
Ohio Mission [?]
Fitchville Huron Co. O.

Dear Brother,

Your favor of Nov. 3 was received on the 10th & on the 14th I conferred with the Prud. Comm. in regard to its contents.

I have just received a letter from Rev. S. A. Worcester, which makes us hesitate as to what we ought to do. The anti-slavery excitement among the Cherokees is somewhat formidable just now; & we are not quite sure what is to come of it. Mr Collins of the Methodists North, asked leave to commence a station at Tahlequah. A Com. of the Council, Dr Ross & Wm. P. Ross, reported unfavorably. Mr Worcester thinks Mr Hitchcock [?] had better not petition for a station at Honey Creek.

Sundry incidents have helped on this excitement, the part which Mr Watrous [?] took in the case of some negroes supposed [?] the property of [?] held in bondage, a confession made by his son-in-law for beating his freed slave, & the account in the N.Y. Observer's account of our meeting at Hartford. On the whole the Com. think we had better wait a little, to see whereunto this will grow. I will inform you when I have any thing definite.

Truly yours
S. B. Treat

[illegible]
Nov. 16. [illegible]

Rev. [illegible],
[illegible].

Dear Brother

I take up my pen briefly to yours of Sept 29 & Oct. 7. Wife & child both taken from your little group. Alas! Seem at power to repair such a breach; the words of pity & condolation which I would breathe into your ear are of little worth. One mourns: High Priest, our elder brother, must speak to you, or your heart will remain desolate still. Oh that he would draw near to you & give you all that you need in this trying hour.

I have this moment risen from the perusal of letters from Oroomiah, which describe the sickness & dying of Mrs Crane. Her husband died Sept 29 & about a week later a son after [illegible] some 18 months. Mr. C. died at Gawar, the [illegible] on a journey to Oroomiah. Here is a mourner, who can enter into your bereavement. And yet her spirit is sweetly submissive. She appears to be wonderfully sustained. God's consolations are mighty. May you find it so!

I have had the highest opinion of Mrs. S. from the first. Have regarded her as an intelligent, refined, Christian woman, who loved the missionary work. And I hardly know how to say much more of any one. She would have graced a more elevated sphere of [illegible]; but she delighted

shelter a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] the Elder [illegible], the Church was placed
[illegible] the [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] strength. [illegible] comforting thoughts.
Your wife is among the blessed ones! You loved to
make those happy [illegible] [illegible]
more happy than she could be here [illegible]
[illegible] is it not so? [illegible] you
could ill afford to spare her now. But Christ
has appointed the hour of separation, knowing
how better it would be, & what evil, if any,
would follow in the house of the desolate one.
Yes, Christ has done it all. He has raised her
to a blessed mansion; & you he will cover with
his wings. Is not this enough?

Wonderful are the consolations which
flow into the heart of the Christian mourner!
Be it that the wound is very deep. The balm
is suited to the case. The heavier the burden,
the greater the support. "When I am weak,
then I am strong." Is not Christ with you?
What more can you need?

I wrote to Mrs Partridge, as you desired; & I have sent to Mr. Bailey a copy of
the material parts of your letter, that he may
use them for an obituary notice. As the
Ref. Herald is 8 pages smaller than usual
to make room for indep. Circulars, I could
publish but a few words. Mr Dole will
insert a longer notice into the Journal & Advocate

has a larger circulation. We published an extra Journal for the Ann. Convent., in which we placed a notice of Mrs. S. I hope that some of the brethren will send me a good article on her character &c.

I will say nothing now of other matters. Some things make me sad & heavy of heart. But I will keep them, at least for the present, out of my pen here.

Affectionate regards to Mrs. McC. if she is with you. Christian love to Wm. Field whom I always bear upon my heart.

Most truly Yours

Friend - brother in the Lord

G B Treat

Miss. House Boston
Nov 20. 1854

Rev. Allen Wright
N. Y. Seminary

Dear Sir.

I sent you the 2d proof of the Choctaw hymn book a few days ago. Mr Marvin, the printer, thinks it may have mis-carried, & wishes me to write. If you have it, please to return it as soon as convenient; if you have not seen it, please to inform me by letter.

Truly

Yours

S. B. Treat

Miss. Home Boston
Nov. 24. 1856

Rev. E. Teale
Thetford Vt.

Dear Bro.

Yours of Nov. 23 I have just received. I had been apprized of your departure from Fairfield; & I am glad to hear that your health has improved during the journey, as also Mrs. T's.

I have just seen Mr Willey, who expects to leave next week on his way to the Cherokees. He wishes to know whether your seraphine (or is it a melodeon?) is for sale at Fairfield & if he can have it. Please to inform me at once, that I may tell him, & able to mention the price.

Truly yours
S. B. Treat

Kind regards to Mrs. T. & the family

[illegible]
[illegible] Boston
Dec. 1. 1854

Rev. S. W. Pond
Shakopee M.T.

Dear Brother.

Your favor of Oct. 19th has been duly received & laid before the Com.ee They have cheerfully voted to relinquish to you all the interest of the Board in the buildings & personal property now in your possession; & you may henceforth consider them as your own.

The kind feelings which you express, are fully reciprocated at the Miss. House. Our Dakota brethren have not reported much success; but they are none the less loved for that reason; & we trust the Lord Jesus approves them as "tried & faithful." Both you & your brother will hold a place in the affections of good men, so long as your peculiar history shall be remembered.

I pray the Great Head of the Church to bless you abundantly as a "home missionary"; & may the residue of your life be spent in the enjoyment of a large measure of the divine favor!

Affectionate regards to Mrs. Pond & the children. As ever

Your brother in the Lord
S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
Dec. 11. 1854.

To the Ojibwa Mission
Mr. Charles Pulsifer. Dear Brethren.
Ojibwas —

Your estimates have been acted upon by the Pru. Com^ee & sanctioned; the sums which you have asked for 1855, you are at liberty to call for as in these times. I made the total allowance $5190, though in your estimates the footing is $5049.

Our treasury is not in a state of danger in regard to our finances. Our appropriations are larger than ever; & yet the times are very hard. There is much reason to fear that our debt will receive no small addition by the 31st July 1855. I mention our apprehensions that you may relieve the treasury of the Board, so far as it may be in your power.

The Com^ee noticed that your allowances are to be larger than heretofore. They hope that the cause of the advance will be but temporary.

Fraternally & truly yours,

S. B. Treat

much in your part of the ~~[illegible]~~ affairs of the treaty! How are ~~[illegible]~~ doing at the present time? What are the ... of ... and Charles ~~[illegible]~~? How is Henry Blatchford getting on? ~~[illegible]~~ he working? What are your plans for the future? Is Miss [illegible] at Bad River? These are some of the points on which I desire to be informed.

Dear Brother.

Your letters of Aug. 14, & Sept 19 & 30, have been received. I was glad to hear of your safe arrival at La Pointe; & I trust you are now happily settled in your new home. I have had no letters from Mr Wheeler of late; hence I cannot judge how you are getting along. I trust I shall hear soon.

We have had no estimates for the expenses at Bad River during 1855. The Comtee have set apart $1350 for that purpose; but if you go into the boarding school system, you will need a larger sum. Should you resolve to spend more than $1350, it will be well to state to us the excess, according to your expectations, that we may make a special appropriation.

And I will just say that our prospects are very fair for an increased debt. Our expenses are increasing, & the times are hard. I trust, therefore, you will be considerate in this matter. Whatever is really needful to be done, must be done, debt or no debt.

I hope you & Mr Wheeler will keep me well informed as to such things as bear upon our

[illegible] in your [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible]
[illegible] things? [illegible]
in the [illegible] time? [illegible] sight of people
in your [illegible]. How is Henry Beresford getting
along in his work? What are your plans for the
future? Is Miss Spooner to remain at Red Wing?
These are some of the points on which I desire to be
informed.

I hear nothing from Mr. Hall, at which I am a little surprised. Suppose he must be very busy, & so does not write. I feel sorry for him & his family. He has had to be thrown upon the world at his age. But the Lord seems to have framed his ways for him, & hence it must be all right.

Mr Hill, our old Treasurer, takes a 2d wife today. Mr. N. Adams lost his 2d wife yesterday (Thanksgiving day.) Such is life. What changes! What contrasts! In heaven alone shall we find all harmonious & unchanged. Let us ever live with our eyes fixed upon our true home, & all the more as we see the day approaching.

Kindest regards to Mrs. B. & all your fellow-laborers, not forgetting Henry.

As ever,

Most truly

Yours

S. B. Treat

Mr & Mrs. Williams are just getting off for the Choctaws

Miss. House, Boston

Dec. 1. 1856.

Rev. S. A. Worcester.

Cherokee —

Dear Brother

You will have received my note of Nov. 15, which I should not have written perhaps, if I had seen yours of Nov. 1, which has come to the Miss. House since that time. On the whole, however, I have concluded to wait till I hear from you again. The people of Stow[?] really want to keep Mr. Torrey during the winter; they are a feeble folk. They have no provision whatever; & think they may find it difficult to get a man who pleases them so well. But all this would have no influence with me, if things were among the Cherokees as in past years. It does seem, however, rather questionable whether we should take a man away from a post of usefulness, & send him to your part of the world, while matters are just as they are. Mr T. will doubtless do what we think best. If you have not already written, please to inform me at once what you advise. He will go out immediately, if he goes this winter, & he can start on short notice.

I shall also wait to hear further, from you, in regard to Dr. Palmer's case. Perhaps you had better wait till the mission assemble after Mr Willey's return, if there shall be a meeting for consultation. That may not be necessary, however.

Mr Wiley expects to start next week. He will [illegible] stop on the way; how long he cannot say. Now it seems to me best that he should go to Pine-field, in [illegible] & be willing to go. If the brethren of the mission are all of the same opinion, he might take that station at once, possibly without a formal vote of the mission. I am not sure, however, but it will be expedient for you to have a meeting. Of that you on the ground can judge. The reasons for my thinking that Mr W. had better go to F. will be obvious. But the mission will understand the case more perfectly. There may be other considerations.

I am not surprised at the excitement among the Cherokees, arising from the slavery question. I suspect that I knew some things, which you did not know, tending to show the feeling that was springing up, &c.

The papers do not correctly represent some facts in regard to the Choctaw mission. The statement which was made is correct; but persons who do not discriminate, have widened it, till it had become an untruth.

I am waiting most anxiously to hear further from the Choctaw mission. I think I shall not trouble you with the slavery subject, till I know how matters are shaping themselves in that part of the world. Then I may write to you.

Kind regards to all. As ever, fraternally yours

Yours of Oct. 23 I have received. S. B. Treat

Mis. House Boston
Dec. 1. 1854

To the Choctaw Mission

Dear Brethren

Your estimates are regarded as reasonable by the Rud. Com^ee in the circumstances, & they have made appropriations accordingly. We have also included in the sum total an allowance for printing the Choctaw hymn book. I am sorry to say that the work "drags heavily." The printer was engaged in other matters for a while; & now it is hard to get the proofs read. Between the two delays I do not know when we shall see the end.

As ever

fraternally & truly

S. B. Treat

Miss. House. Boston
Dec. 2. 1854.

Rev. J. Edwards
Choctaws. — Dear Brother.

Your letter of Sept. 26 was duly received. The item of missionary intelligence you will have seen in the Herald. It is sometimes asked, "Why do we not see more in the Herald, &c. from the Choctaw mission?" The answer is, "The brethren write but little respecting their work." You will bear witness that I am ready to publish all that is sent to me.

I trust Mrs. E. has arrived safely at her Choctaw home. Please to assure her of my affectionate regard. Christian greetings to Mrs. Cobb & all. Hoping for all with you. Fraternally yours S. B. Treat

Miss. Rooms, Boston

Dec. 2, 1852.

Mr. C. C. Copeland,

Choctaws. — Dear Bro.

I send herewith a letter to the mission, also a note to Mr. Edwards as he may be away on account of his wife's health. I have received letters from Mr Byington & Mr Hotchkin, which I have not answered, because I suppose they may have left their stations. If they are with you, please to explain my silence.

I am very anxious to hear from the Choctaw nation, especially as to the action of the Council, the state of things among the people, what the mission will do, &c. I think Mr. K. cannot have [illegible] printed our letter to the Council.

Kindest regards to Mrs. C. Truly yours, S. B. Treat

What a world! Regards to all, as ever.
Yours &c S. B. Treat

Miss. Home, Boston
Dec. 2. 1854

Rev. C. Kingsbury
Choctaws.— Dear Brother.

Yours of Oct 4. have received. The hymn book has been in the printer's hands a long time; but its progress is slow. At first he was very busy on other things; & kept back the hymn book without my knowledge. Now he is not ahead; & now Allen Wright is forever reading the proofs. (Perhaps he is sick or away; or something else may be the cause.) I hope we shall get on faster hereafter.

Mr. N. Adams lost his wife two days ago, in the hall going for thanksgiving services. Mr Hill took a wife yesterday, & is away on his bridal tour. Mr Dale has bled at the lungs three times in two weeks! What a world! Regards to Mrs K., as ever.

Yours in Christ

Miss. House Bost[on]

Dec. 2, 1859

Mr. J. H. Chamberlain,

Choctaws. — Dear Brother

Yours of Aug. 25, though unanswered hitherto, I read with attention & interest. I like your plan much; for you not only avoid the employment of slaves, but you encourage Choctaw industry. Why cannot the Indians see that they are injured greatly by the existence of slavery among them?

Before this reaches you, (already perhaps) important changes will have taken place. I regret the action of the mission at Good Water. It was not wise even for your latitude, as may have appeared by this time. But we shall see the end, in God's own time, of these sad troubles. Yrs &c S.B. Treat

Mission House, [illegible]
[illegible] 1[illegible]

Rev. T. J. [illegible] of
Seneca Indian Mission

Dear Brother [illegible]

Your letter [illegible] is
to [illegible] completely [illegible]. The [illegible] meeting [illegible]
with the appropriations, which will [illegible] allow-
ed $200 for Bro. [illegible], if it shall be needed. Of
course the money is given for a consideration. If [illegible]
of 200, we shall be happy to pay that amount. No money
is given by the Com. more cheerfully than that which
goes to native preachers, who labor faithfully.

In your deed say "successors & assigns" instead
of "heirs & assigns." A corporation has successors
but no heirs.

I do not see that I shall be able to visit the
[illegible] very soon. Bro. [illegible] has bled at the
lungs 3 times in 2 weeks. The care of [illegible]
must see that his work is done. With these [illegible],
besides all other, the [illegible] mission, the [illegible] of Mr
[illegible] work, all on my hands, I am not likely
to have much spare time.

Bro. Wm. Hall wishes us to start a boarding
school for boys. I feel a little shy on that topic.
I suspect the Com. will prefer to wait.

I am looking for matters of interest from the
[illegible] land. There may have been "no small stir" at
[illegible].

Affectionate regards to all. Truly yours, [illegible]

we have at present. Our [illegible] on the increase; but the [illegible] — [illegible]. [illegible] the [illegible] we are coming out of the [illegible] — among the upper & the nether millstone, we came to a [illegible].

Dear Brethren

You will not suppose that in [illegible] the appropriations made by the Com. for your [illegible] during 1855, a few words of explanation are [illegible] necessary. You will see that we have cut down the estimates, particularly in the salaries. Our reasons for this are as follows:—

1. The estimates do not seem to have been quite so carefully made as in some former years. This I infer from internal & external evidence. The Com. suppose, therefore, that a fuller consideration of the case might have led to a different result.

2. The question is forced upon us, "Are not the salaries of our brethren in advance of the salaries of pastors in that region?" You ask for $700 or $750, having a house provided, kept in repair, &c. Have others arrived at such a point of support? You may say, "Other pastors are not sustained as they should be." This may be so. Still we must respect the facts, or we shall hear loud complaints of "large salaries," "want of economy", &c. This point we commend to you to take into careful consideration. Suppose it were known in all western New York, that your salaries are as above, what would be the effect.

3. We have the prospect of a larger debt than

we have our friends. Our necessarily [illegible] [illegible] on the increase; but the [illegible] [illegible], [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible], we are coming out of [illegible], [illegible] of things. Between the upper & the nether millstone, we come to be in some danger.

You will not suppose that the Com. are unwilling to do what is right in the premises. "An economical support" is our rule, [illegible] [illegible]. And it is very important that we abide by it. Perhaps there should be more discrimination in regard to your salaries. Now, it would seem, if one goes up, all go up. Let us have a thorough sifting of the question, & we shall probably be of one mind.

My dear [illegible],

most truly & fraternally
Yours

S. B. Treat

I cannot know what course events may have taken within the last few weeks. Now that [illegible] [illegible] is known [illegible]; I [illegible] that Mr. R. has presented it. Possibly the difference will be [illegible] you found; perhaps not. I am waiting anxiously to hear the result.

Rev. C. C. [illegible]

Dear Brother

8°- Have read your letter. I can appreciate your embarrassment in some measure; but it appears to me that in wishing to correct the letter of the Prud. Com. you should have looked forward. In what position does it place us? You step in between us & the Council, when no question was submitted to you by the Com., & rebuke the action of the directing body! This is contrary to our usages.

It is also implied that in all matters pertaining to the mission will sit in judgment upon the acts of the Com. In reference to the subject, you are supreme, not the Com. For in this case, there was no interference with your rights as ministers of Christ. The Com. is surely competent to write as they did. But you interpose, & say, You must not speak to the Council on this [illegible].

But, you will say, must we hold our peace when we think a great wrong is to be done to our mission? Had you said, We will take the liberty of keeping back the letter, that we may write to the Com. We are satisfied that our past relations cannot be preserved in [illegible]. We think we are called for the honor of Christ & the good of our people that we form a new connection. This we will leave to us. I should have felt that this was a manly & Christian course. But to withhold the letter, [illegible] [illegible]! That is a very different question.

I do not know what course events may have taken within the last few weeks. Now the letters are [illegible] [illegible], in the face of known facts, I [illegible]; I must suppose that Mr. H. has presented &c. [illegible] the excitement will be less than you feared; perhaps not. I am waiting anxiously to hear the results.

I greatly desire that if there is to be a separation, it shall take place in a kind & Christian way. I know that neither the Com. nor myself is lacking in affection for the Choctaw mission. I would make any sacrifice, proper for me to make, to solve the hard problem in favor of a lasting & happy connection between you and us. But we have other relations than those which we sustain to you which we cannot forget, however much we may love you & your people. Here is the difficulty. Why then should you nullify the action of the Comm. & dishonor them before the world, by virtually saying, "We will do as we please. Let them cut us off, if they choose to do it." You know perfectly well that it will be very painful for the Com., in any circumstances, to consent to a separation. You know also that if they cut you off, it will produce not a little excitement, bring odium on them, & cripple the power of the Board for good. This you should never force them to do.

I have not written so fully to the other brethren; & this is for your eye alone. I think you will understand our position, [illegible] ready to do what you are thinking of. I am not quite sure that all are of this mind.

Affectionately yours & c. Truly yours S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Bost.
Dec. 2. 1854

Rev. C. Rockwood,
Tuscarora — Dear Brother

The Com. have appropriated $1300 for your operations, $600 for the school, $600 for your family, $50 for [illegible] & $50 for contingencies. We have not adopted the estimate of the other brethren in all respects. Those with the N.Y. Indian mission, perhaps later you will probably hear of in explanation of the doings of the Com.

Have you a helper at Mount Hope? Miss Lucina Palmer, some 50 years old, experienced as a nurse & domestic, not very well educated, but good, I hope, can be had next May. What say you?

Kind regards to all. Yours S. B. Treat

Miss. Home Boston
Dec. 4. 1854

Hon. G. W. Manypenny,
Com.r of Indian Affairs.

Mis. Home, Bost
Dec. 2. 1854

Mr B. F. Hall
Seneca. - Dear Brother: Your favor of
Oct. 31 ...
Shaw. Ant
D. Bro. Potter the appropriations for your
mission. Your estimates are allowed
[illegible] the repairs already authorized,
the "barn room last winter", which may
go into this year's accounts, & the
loan $100. which after talking with
your brother Wm. Shaw puts at $15.
[illegible] on the whole. That you
should have another year. Should
you [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] what
the Com. have done. Should you
find yourself in debt Jan. 1. 55, I
[illegible] the Com. would make a
special grant.
Kind regards to Mrs H. & all. [illegible]

which endured his ... Mission House Boston
request that a copy of the ... Dec. 1855 ... sent
Hon. Geo. W. Manypenny ... to Mr Riggs' ... may
Com. of Indian Affairs. his continuance in the
missionary work among the Dakotas, according to
the rules of the Indian Sir Department. It will give
me pleasure to conform to these rules. Your favor of the
Oct. 31 was duly received, with the accompanying
copies of letters. The termination of the matter which I
felt it my duty to present to the notice of
the Indian Department, is entirely satisfactory.
I did not intend to allude to the subject again;
but as I write for another purpose, I will just say,
that the "misunderstanding" of Mr Riggs may not seem
so "inexcusable" to me, knowing the circumstances, as
it does to Gov. Gorman. Agent Murphy did, indeed,
construe the note of the Gov. as, merely, "directing him" to
look into the matter; but he desired a reference
of the case to your Department, for reasons which I
need not specify, & by the Prudential Committee. Besides,
the Indians did not understand Gov. Gorman's brief
note in the same light as Maj. Murphy did; & it became necessary, for
the safe & happy prosecution of our work, to have the matter
laid before the Indian Department. I am
very desirous that there should be no collision between
the officers of the Gov. & our missionaries.

Mr Riggs received a paper from
the War Department in March, 1837, as through time he became
a missionary of our Board among the Dakotas. Last
March, this paper was destroyed in a conflagration

which contained his [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] & request that a copy of the statement be sent to me that I may forward it to Mr Riggs. Say they were necessary for his continuance in the missionary work among the Dakotas, according to the rules of the Indian Department. It will give us pleasure to conform to those rules, so far as may be in our power.

Remaining, very respectfully

Your obedient servant

S. B. Treat

Sec. of the A.B.C.F.M.

Miss. House Dept.

Dec 4. 1857

Rev. S. R. Riggs

Dear Brother

Your letter of [illegible] [illegible] to me. Have written to the Indian Department, [illegible] your [illegible] reporting the [illegible] Gov. Gorman [illegible] me, & also asking for a copy of the [illegible] you received in March, 1857 authorizing your residence among the Dakotas [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] whether any thing is now needed for the continuance of your work.

I am glad to hear that you are getting along comfortably at New Hope; & trust you will see many happy days there. May the Lord give you prosperity & peace!

Your estimates are approved. Please to make the prairie breaking (flour) as light as you can; for it is not very missionary. We have also allowed for the support of 15 Indian children, whenever you are ready to receive them. You did not specify the number; but I presume you will not take more at first than these 15.

I must be brief. Bro. Hale has bled at the lungs, & I must look after his publications. This, with my own work, & partly Dr. Anderson's, keeps me busy, as you will readily suppose.

Affectionate greetings to [illegible] & all. Yours [illegible] S. B. Treat

Missionary House, Boston,
Apr. 4, 1859.

Rev. S. R. Riggs.
Dakotas. — Dear Brother,

Apr. 4. 1859. Your letter of Oct. 29 to Oct. 3 is now before me. Have written to the Indian Department, defending your course in reporting the doings of Gov. Gorman to me, & also asking for a copy of the paper you received in March, 1857, authorizing your residence among the Dakotas, &c. Have enquired likewise whether any thing is now necessary for the continuance of your work.

I am glad to hear that you are getting along comfortably at New Hope; & trust you will see many happy days there. May the Lord give you prosperity & peace!

Your estimates are approved. Please to make the Journal [illegible] ($100) as light as you can; for it is not very missionary. We have also allowed for the support of the Mission children, whenever you are ready to receive them. You did not specify the number; but I presume you will not take more [illegible] the [illegible].

I must now bring in Bro. [illegible], who bled at the lungs, & must look after his [illegible]. This, with my own work, & part of Mr. Anderson's, keeps me busy, as you will readily suppose.

Affectionate greetings to Mrs. R. & all. Yours in Christ, S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
Dec. 4. 1854

Rev. T. S. Williamson
[illegible] Dakota [illegible]

Your letter of Oct 13 I have read with much interest. Indeed, [illegible]

[illegible]

Very truly yours, [illegible] Treat

[illegible] regards to Mrs W. & all with you.

Your brother & friend
S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
Sep. 4. 1854

Miss [illegible] W. Yard
Lowell, Ms.

Dear Miss W.

Mr Welley has shown me yours of Dec. 1. also Miss Barker's letters. As Mr. W. must leave at once, there will be great difficulty in sending a female, in any proper mode, so as to meet him at Chicago. I have advised against the [illegible] the matter further; & he will try to find some one among his friends in Wisconsin to assist in his work. I have had some experience in getting ladies to the Indian missions, & am more [illegible] than [illegible].

Very truly yours, S. B. Treat

Mis. House Boston
Dec. 4. 1854

Rev. T. S. Williamson
Dakotas: — Dear Brother

Your letter of Oct 13 I have read with much interest. Indeed, all that comes from your mission awakens new emotions since I have been on the ground. I hope we shall see better times soon, times of refreshing from the presence of the Lord. Let us pray much for such a blessing.

Your estimates are approved, & appropriations have been made according to your request. If you can manage to draw less from the treasury, we shall feel obliged to you, because our financial prospects are not particularly bright. But I do not wish you to lop off any thing that is really needed for the greatest efficiency of your operations. Your sister must be allowed to introduce her improvements. I am much interested in her plans. May she have all the success which she desires!

Mr Hall took a 2d wife Aug. 1. Dr N. Adams took his 2d wife Nov. 30. Bro. Dole has bled at the lungs three times in one month. The result is doubtful. In Dr. Anderson's absence, we are overwhelmed, therefore; hence I must be brief today. Kindest regards to Mrs W. & all with you.

Your brother & friend
Geo. W. Wood

Miss. House Boston
[illegible] 1854

Rev Wm Hall Mar 16. 1854

Allegheny Reg[illegible] Dear Bro.

Dakotas Dear Bro. The sight of your well known hand was truly welcome. I am sorry that I cannot say "Yes," to your plan. The Comee wish to see what is coming of these Christian proselyting efforts. If a church of 80 Baptist members is gathered in two months, how long will it be ~~[illegible]~~ before all the Indians shall have received immersion? 80: 2:: 800: 20!!

We wish to see what the State will do, before we embark in the enterprise we have hoped for aid "these many years"; but it has not come. Let us have a little "sight" to support our "faith". Kind regards to all. Truly yours S B Treat

Miss. Home, Boston
Dec. 16. 1854.

Rev. John Kinsman,
Northampton —

Mission House Boston
Dec. 16. 1854

Rev S. R. Riggs,
Lac qui Parle. — Dear Bro.

Yours of the 15th Nov. has been received since I sent my last. I think you have decided wisely in regard to Gov. G.'s message. It will not be best to notice a verbal threat of that sort. I forward the papers of which you wrote. Now you can prosecute your work quietly, having no thought of the present man of the Pr[illegible]. He will not be there always. It is very undesirable for us to have conflicts with government employees, especially at this time. The Chiefs in Minnesota will not make us Indians abundantly popular at Washington. Let us confine ourselves to our work as much as possible. Kindest regards to Mrs. R. &c. Yours truly S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
Jan. 16. 1854.

Rev. John [illegible],
Northampton.—

Dear Sir

Your letter to Dr [illegible] came into my hands about a week ago. I have delayed an answer, because I did not exactly know what to say in reply. I have supposed that I should have important intelligence from the Choctaw Nation by this time; but I have not received any thing decisive.

To your first inquiry I can say that we might send boxes to Mr. Hobbs any time for a number of weeks to come. They would go to New Orleans, & thence forward, as there should be opportunity. If you please, you can send any box, &c. to the Miss. House at once; & we will forward it, or detain it for the present, as your ladies shall prefer.

On the second point, I cannot speak with confidence. Mr. Hobbs does not go with the majority of the mission on the slavery question. His position must be one of great delicacy; & it is not clear that he will be allowed to remain at his post. In his letters to me, however, he has not intimated any fears of being obliged to leave. I am sorry that I have not the means of writing with a clearer anticipation of the future.

Very truly yours,
S. B. Treat.

Miss. Hope Boston
Dec. 16 1854

Rev. E. L. King
Newark, N. J. Dear Bro.

I have rec'd your letters of Nov. 16 & Nov. 28. I suppose you must be near a Franklin house I write briefly. I trust the Lord has brought you safely to your destination. I hope to hear that Mrs. King has borne the journey well.

Questions will be asked in regard to your return. I hope you will give me in full, the reasons which influenced you in coming, that we may have an answer in the case. I think it will be for your [illegible] to have it understood distinctly, that it was your earnest wish that you might come. For some will get a different idea. [illegible]

Miss. Home Boston
Dec. 16 1852

Miss M. C. Henry,
Cherokee.—

Miss. Home Boston
Dear Miss Henry,
Dec. 16. 1852

Mr. Jas. Orr. Since my last letter to you,
Cherokee. your letters Sept 28 & Oct. 31. I
Those of
Oct. 25. Have duly received. I
am glad that you went to Fairfield
in the circumstances; but I suppose
that Mr Willey will be there soon.
He left some days ago, & may have
arrived before you receive this note.
It seems to me best that he go to
Fairfield; but I leave the question
to the mission, who know all the
circumstances. He had no teacher
when he left Boston; perhaps he will
find one in Wisconsin. Have not seen
Mr Locke. He is afflicted with sickness,
& cannot come to Boston just yet.
Kindest regards to ... [illegible]

Miss. Rooms, Boston

Dec. 13 1850

Miss M. E. [illegible]

Cleveland

Dear Miss [illegible]

Since my last letter to you, I have received yours of Oct. 25 & Oct. 31. I have waited, before writing again, that I might know the result of Mr. Willey's efforts to procure a teacher for Fairfield. He has set out upon his return, without any one to accompany him; but he may succeed among his friends in Wisconsin. I suppose he will reside at Fairfield, Mr. [illegible] going to Dwight; but I have not felt like deciding the question, without giving the mission a voice therein. It is left open, therefore, till he arrives in the nation. I must confess, however, that the case seems to me pretty clear; she is willing to take that station.

I think it probable that you have already gone to Lee's Creek. If so, I am quite content. Unless the brethren see reasons for a different course which I am ignorant of, this seems to me the true solution. In Mr. Ranney's family I think you will find a pleasant home; & in the school on the proposed basis, I hope you will have a congenial field of labor. The Lord add his blessing!

I have not seen Mr. [illegible] since his return. [illegible] He is afflicted with [illegible], & has been [illegible] from [illegible]. I [illegible] him in the course of two or three [illegible] & I [illegible] think, is much better.

I shall be glad to hear from you in respect to your labors & plans. If you are at [illegible] Creek, please to give me some account of your [illegible] [illegible] in need.

Kind regards to your parents [illegible]

Most truly

Yours

S. B. Treat

[illegible] your [illegible] me a draft [illegible] for your [illegible] to you in the [illegible] of [illegible] Buffalo care of James [illegible] Esq. with whom you will find it.

The Soc. proposes to make the [illegible] of your school. If you can send a letter or letters that will interest the members, it will be well. Cannot some of the Seneca girls write? [illegible] your [illegible] might give some account of your labors & success.

Respectfully, truly yours S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston

Dec. 18. 1854

Rev. B. F. Hall

Seneca —

Dear Bro.

The Park St. Youths Miss. Soc. have given me a small bundle for your school. It goes in the box (for Heralds,) sent to Buffalo, care of James Crocker Esq. with whom you will find it.

This Soc. proposes to make other donations to your school. If you can send a letter or letters, that will interest the members, it will be well. Cannot some of the Seneca girls write? You or your sister might give some account of your labors & success.

Regards to all. Truly yours S. B. Treat

Miss. Home Bost

Dec. 15. 1854

Rev. A. Wright

Choctaws.—

Dear Bro.

My friend Leavenworth says, in a letter dated Dec 16. "I am next year to employ suitable persons to take the census of all the Indian tribes. Would not some of your men be suitable persons? And would they not like to do it? The Indians are a little jealous on the subject, & it requires a careful, judicious man, who is popular with them."

Is it best for us to meddle with this business? Would it be well for you to do it? What are the pros & cons?

Who else is the man?

Truly yours. S. B. Treat

Rev. A. Cutting
Seneca.

Dear Brother

Your favors of Oct. 31, Nov. 11 & Dec 14 I have read with interest, as I do all your letters. You need not be afraid of wearying me. Say it, & leave it & I shall give it.

This proselyting movement I deprecate greatly & do not know whereunto it will grow. I have a long letter from Bro. Potter this morning. It makes me sad; for I am not sure but the Baptists will break us up in that field. If they go on, as they have gone on for a few months, they will use us up pretty thoroughly. As for taking any steps toward continuing more boarding schools there, we cannot think of it. And my zeal for your Res. is somewhat lessened. If the Indians are to run after the Methodists & Baptists, I have no ambition to carry on boarding schools for them. It is a heavy burden at best, & never to be taken up without strong reasons.

I have written to Bro Potter in regard to the [illegible]; & I suppose he will have apprised you. We have a large prospect in regard to the Board's indebtedness, Aug. 1. 1858. The times are equal to the sad days of 1837. We have made a 17 years' cycle, & are "in [illegible]"

Yours of Dec. 10 ~~[illegible]~~ Meeting. I cannot possibly attend your meeting. We [illegible] been [illegible] things, & is quite feeble. We don't know what the issue is to be. Of course you will suppose that we have a few things to do, especially in Dr. Addison's absence. Mr Hill is away on his bridal tour. He has "married a wife, & cannot come." Dr. [illegible] no one else that we can send. But I trust the Lord will be with you.

Once, in the dawn of a revival, a young minister was very anxious to get Mr. Nettleton, or some such man, to assist him. A good old man said, "I think you had better ask the Saviour to come." A word to the wise is —

Let me entreat your church members to open this meeting with great carefulness. Read & expound to them Gen. 18:27. Isaiah 6:5. Job 42:5,6. Oh that they could all feel like those holy men! What a blessing they would receive! Aye, the feeling itself would be like going up to the 3d heaven.

"Dear Brethren. I shall think of your meeting, & pray that the Lord may be with you. It will be a solemn season. Come to it with the deepest self-abasement. Come to it with a full & cordial renunciation of all your sins. Come to it in love for each other, & for the perishing around you, as strong as death. Come to it with the feelings of Jacob, Gen. 32:26. Come to it as those who will soon look upon the face of our Emmanuel in the New Jerusalem. Oh, what shouts of praise await you there! The blessings of a covenant keeping God rest upon you!" Amen. Yes & [illegible]

Mission House, Boston
Dec. 16 1857

To Rev. [illegible]
Catt. Reservation

Dear Brother

I received your letter some weeks ago, & read it with deep interest, & yet in sadness of heart. Have read it to the Prud. Comee & they were much interested, & also grieved. We desire nothing more than to see the Senecas receiving the Word of the Lord, & walking together in the faith of the gospel. But we wish to see them likewise dwelling together in the unity of the Spirit. It pains us that any who profess to be the disciples of Christ, should try to injure his blessed cause. Let us pray that the days of this trouble & perplexity may soon come to an end.

The course to be pursued by your church seems to us very plain. 1. Endeavor to be filled with the Spirit, loving each other, & longing for the salvation of the unconverted. 2. Indulge no unchristian feelings towards those who <u>trouble</u> you. Go rather to the Savior, & ask him to make them & you his obedient followers, forgiving all your iniquities, & imparting to you his blessed image. If there is any strife among you, let it be for the largest measure of the divine blessing. If you can win them over in meekness & humility & Christian love, do it; & the Lord assist you herein.

in [illegible] in the [illegible] in the Chapel of your church [illegible]. I should be glad to be there; but my duties at the office forbid my going. You may be sure that I shall pray that you may have a time of refreshing from the divine presence. May the windows of heaven be opened for you, & may you have a blessing such that there shall not be room enough to receive it!

Most lovingly,

Your brother in the gospel

S. B. Treat.
Sec. of the A.B.C.F.M.

of the people committed [illegible], are proper. But I do not know whether [illegible] nothing exceeds that your [illegible] I hope they are not. Bro. Potter is greatly tried by these divisive efforts. [illegible] Certainly a very serious affair. [illegible] Com^e apprised of the progress of matters; & probably I shall bring the case before them again tomorrow. But I do not know that any thing can be done. Since the Baptist movement & under the direction of their foreign board, the [illegible] have not sufficiently. As the case stands now, it is not easy to effect any thing.

I hope to hear of good things accomplished for Christ & his cause in your borders. What was the fruit of the meetings held some weeks since? How is Bro. Pierce getting along as a licensed preacher? I am much interested in him. May the Lord bless him! Kindest regards to Mrs B. & family. Truly yrs

S. B. Treat

Miss. Rooms Boston
Dec. 18. 1853

Rev. A Bliss
Coryden Va

Dear Brother

Your letter of Oct. 13 I have yet to acknowledge. So far as I can judge, your arrangements for supplying the wants of the people committed to your care, are proper. But I do not learn whether the Baptists are making inroads into your part of the field. I hope they are not. Bro. Potter is greatly tried by their divisive efforts. And it is certainly a very serious affair. I have kept the Com^{ee} apprised of the progress of matters; & probably I shall bring the case before them again tomorrow. But I do not know that any thing can be done. Were the Baptist movement under the direction of their foreign board, we should have no difficulty. As the case stands now, it is not easy to effect any thing.

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S. B. Treat

Mis. House Bost
Dec. 18 1854. Bost
Rev G. Rockwood Dec. 19. 1854
Tuscarora Mission,

Dear Bro.

I have put in the box which takes the Heralds re [illegible] to Buffalo a copy of Newcomb's Cyclopedia of Missions. You will know how to get it from Buffalo. And when you have received it, I hope you will make it a means of great good to the Tuscaroras. Let their minds & hearts be interested in the salvation of the world. Let them feel that they have a share in the concern. My [illegible] friends in at Good Hope will wish to know the [illegible] [illegible] R. Truly yrs

S.B. Treat

Truly yours S.B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Miss. Houses, Bark
Rev. G. F. H. Crockett Dec. 19. 1854
Rev. A. Gleason,
Senecas,—
Dear Bro.

I have put into the box which takes the bundles to Buffalo three copies of Newcomb's Cyclopedia of Missions for your mission, directed to you. One you will keep for Bro. Wright & yourself; the other you will please hand to Bro. Bullen's Cyclopedia.

The one for Cattaraugus I trust you will use to some purpose in waking up the Senecas to an active interest & participation in the great work of missions. The hour has come.

Truly yours, S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
Dec. 25. 1854

Rev. G. F. H. Crockett
Fayetteville, Ala.

Dear Sir

[illegible] just received yours of Dec. 1st from Norfolk, Va. I send herewith [illegible] of the Herald in which you will find information in regard to the Indians, collected by myself. I send our Report for 1854, which will show the present state of our Indian missions. Newcomb's Cyclopedia of Missions, just published, has an article on Indian missions.

Very respectfully
Yours
S. B. Treat
Sec. A.B.C.F.M.

Miss. House, Boston
Dec. 25. 1854

Rev. C. Kingsbury
Choctaw Mission

Dear Brother

[illegible] hoping for some time to hear from you in regard to certain matters of special interest [illegible] affecting the Choctaw mission. I know almost nothing of what was done [illegible] Col. [illegible] Beyond [illegible] subject. [illegible] the information which [illegible] the following at once [illegible] the letter to the Council [illegible] me, [illegible] it to that body [illegible] would [illegible] your [illegible] possible that you would [illegible] maintaining a position [illegible] would [illegible] some ulterior plans [illegible] information. If you did not present the letter, had the Council no intimation of its existence? Did not they ask any questions in respect to it? If they did, what did you say to them?

[illegible] Oct [illegible]

Rev. C. Kingsbury
Choctaw Mission.

Dear Brother

I have been hoping for some time to hear from you in relation to certain matters of special interest to us as affecting the Choctaw mission. I know almost nothing of what was done at the Council. I have seen Col. Harkins' message; & I learn from Mr Hotchkin the action of that body in regard to Goodwater. Beyond this we are almost wholly in the dark.

Perhaps you have written fully on this subject. If not, will you give us the information which we need? Such questions as the following at once occur to our minds. Was the letter to the Council presented? I know that you wrote me, expressing your intention not to offer it to that body. But I have hoped that you would change your mind. I could hardly think it possible that you would consign us to so unpleasant & humiliating a position as your refusal would leave us in; unless, indeed, there were some ulterior plans of which I have no information. If you did not present the letter, had the Council no intimation of its existence? Did not they ask any questions in respect to it? If they did, what did you say to them?

What was the effect of the [illegible] [illegible] of Hartford, on the Council & [illegible]? How do the leading Choctaws regard it at the present time? Was there any action of the Council touching the matter? If so, what was it? If there was none, how happened it? Was any thing said or done by the missionaries to arrest or prevent action? Are the Choctaws still willing to have the Board direct a mission among them?

You will have seen the resolutions passed at Hartford. They make it necessary for us to inquire in regard to the school law of instruction. Was there any attempt to repeal it? If so, what was done? If there was no such action or attempt, what prevented it? What are the plans of the mission in regard to the continuance of the schools?

It may become important for our future defence & protection to ascertain one or two dates. When did you receive the copy of my proposed letter to the Choctaw Council? Will you do me the favor to send a copy of my letter from St Paul accompanying it? I did not retain a copy. May I also ask when you came to the conclusion that you could not deliver our letter to the Council? We are now attacked from different quarters; & we need to be well supplied with such information as may be called for.

I have now indicated some of the questions which I should ask the Choctaw brethren, could I see them face to face. For want of such a

privilege (which I should [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] this time) I am obliged to trouble you with my long list of [illegible]. I shall count it a special favor if you will tell me all that can throw light upon our future pathway. Let me know how the mission feel; what they are expecting or hoping, or fearing hereafter. We need wisdom from above. May the Lord grant it to us! And to him be all the glory.

As ever, Yours friend & brother in the gospel

S. B. Treat

[illegible] you what you [illegible] us. We are very [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] in regard to some points. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] say nothing upon any general question, till we have further information.

You do [illegible] two [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the authorized agent to settle the matter at Good Water. The Comm^ee are quite confident that no one can do this so well as yourself. You know the whole story. They wish you to assume this responsibility. You are authorized to close the matter with the Trustees at any time, if you do not bring us into debt. Before you do that, the Comm^ee must be consulted. That is our general practice in analogous cases.

It seems true that we ought to be exempt from any debt [illegible]. Taking all the schools, the balance is [illegible] in our favor. And we should not be willing, therefore, to settle for Good Water alone, & thereby to admit a debt. (2) I have not much doubt that when the proper charges are made, the balance would be against the Choctaws, even at Good Water alone.

Miss. House, Boston,
Jan. 23. 1858.

Rev. E. Hotchkin,
Choctaws.

Dear Brother

Yours of Nov. 17 I have received; & last Tuesday brought it to the Com^ee. We have no knowledge of what was done at the Council, save what you give us. We are very much in the dark, therefore, in regard to some points. In fact, we can say nothing upon any general question, till we have further information.

You submit two questions. One, (1) who is the authorized agent to settle the estate at Good Water? The Com^ee are quite confident that no one can do this so well as yourself. You know the whole story. They wish you to assume this responsibility. You are authorized to close the matter with the Trustees at any time, if you do not bring us into debt. Before you do that, the Com^ee must be consulted. Such is our general practice in analogous cases.

It seems to me that we ought to be exempt from any debt. (1) Taking all the schools, the balance is most clearly in our favor. And we should not be willing, therefore, to settle for Good Water alone, & thereby to admit a debt. (2) I have not much doubt that when the proper charges are made, the balance would be against the Choctaws, even at Good Water alone.

Miss. House Boston

You ask, "What part or how much of what belongs to the Board shall we take when we leave?" We have hardly reached this point yet. You speak of "the Seniors", & treating "the old" no better than "the young". If you refer to Mr Byington, we let him return because of his earnest wish. We did want him to remain, if he could willingly do so. As for myself, I do not see the end of this problem. Mr Kingsbury, with the advice of the mission, has strangely complicated matters, by withholding the letter to the Council; (for I suppose it was not delivered.) He has placed us, before the Choctaws & the world, in a most undesirable position. The Prud. Comm. are not used to such proceedings. But what will be done, I cannot say. We are waiting for light.

In this State of things, we should not be willing to commence any new station. Before we increase our agencies, we must see where we are. You will say, perhaps, that in this way you will be left in an unpleasant predicament. I hope not. I hope we shall come out into a large place & all feel satisfied as to the path of duty.

Should you, for any cause, decide to leave the mission, the Comm. would probably do all that you would ask. You have not been very exacting hitherto; & they are not niggardly. We have too few facts to say any thing definite. We like to have the opinion of the mission in such cases. With the facts & the voice of the brethren we shall be ready to act, in case you desire it, with all promptitude.

Kindest regards to Mrs H.   Truly yours — S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Dec. 26. 1854.

Rev. A. Wright
Seneca.

Dear Brother.

Your letter of Dec 18 came yesterday; & the one of Dec. 22, arrived today. This afternoon I have conferred with the Com^ee.

I must confess I have felt shy of this boarding school scheme, since seeing the readiness with which the Senecas run into all sorts of novelties. The report from Alleghany is saddening; & it may be such from Cattaraugus hereafter; tho' I will hope better things. In addition to this, we do not wish to come into collision with the Methodists, the Soc. of Friends, or certain other work doers which we like better. And beyond all this, I am influenced a little by the shaping & tendency of our Indian missions. In spite of us, they are diminishing, & must hereafter. The work which the Board is to do, lies away from this continent. We shall not quit the Indians, without the plain leadings of Providence; but we cannot enlarge in that direction, so far as present indications guide us. Our Miss. House arrangements will be greatly simplified by having no Indian missions. Bro Gale is sick, & I fear he will be well none again in this world. Should he die, a new arrangement must be made; or

ought not to have four men here. That is quite clear to my mind.

These remarks (confidential) will show how my mind works. The Choctaw mission must be off from our hands soon. Possibly the Cherokee also; of that I am not clear. The Dakota & Ojibwa missions are ragged. My department, therefore, is slipping away; & I cannot help it.

But we shall not bring matters to a violent close. We shall stand by the Senecas for the present. We are even willing to continue in the boarding schools, if the way shall seem clear. But the Com^ee will not wish to add to their expenses much in that direction. Our allowance for the N.Y. Indian missions is quite large now. If much money is needed, we must be excused; if not, & we are evidently called of God, we will do something.

I am willing to go to Albany; but you must come too. You may make your arrangements, & I will meet you next week, or early in the week after, or at any time so as to allow me to come home Friday before the 2^d Sabbath in Jan. My Sabbaths thence forward I must spend here, to preach on missions. I may go to Albany between Sabbaths sometimes, not always.

Make your arrangements then, & write, or if necessary, telegraph; & I will meet you.

Affect. regards to all &c.

Truly yours

S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Dec. 28. 1854

Miss. House Boston
Dec. 28. 1854

Rev C. Kingsbury,
Choctaws.— Dear Bro.

I have just read some comments in a Southern paper on my account of Old Lester giving at Hartford. Now I wish you to understand that I endeavored to state the facts correctly; & I believe I did substantially so, as I took notes at the time, & often refer to them. I had no thought of making capital on the slavery question; but I used the old man as the best & most instructive speaker I could bring forward for such an occasion. I frequently use him; & I do not know but he has done more good than I have in my addresses. I have always felt grateful to you for introducing me to him. Truly yours S B Treat

Miss. House Boston

Dec. [illegible]

W. H. Holden Esq.
New York City

Dear Sir

Your favor of Dec 22 Dr. Pomeroy placed in my hands, as the Choctaw mission falls into my department. I immediately requested him to seek a personal interview, being confident that in such a mode the facts in regard to this question in hand could be most clearly & satisfactorily presented to your mind. You will excuse me, I trust, if I now address a few words to you by letter.

The question upon which the Com^ee have acted, as it seems to me, is quite narrow & simple. The Choctaws have committed certain schools to our care, which we have carried forward some ten years upon a definite basis. Now they change that basis. The contract existing between them & the Board (reduced to writing, I believe, only in the single instance of the Wheelock school) is affected hereby; so that we have the right to surrender the schools. This is generally (I suppose universally) conceded by the Choctaws themselves.

Now it so happens that we have had not a little difficulty in supplying these schools with teachers. &c. But by the new law the difficulty

In any event, however, I think [illegible] [illegible] it will be materially [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the Choctaw [illegible] [illegible] the very reluctant [illegible] formed in this [illegible] [illegible], because of the embarrassments that must arise just here. My [illegible] in this regard has been at times very trying & painful.

I might speak of other great [illegible] but I will not trouble you with too many details. On the whole the course of the Comm^ee seemed to be plain. And that you may understand how the matter was left in our letter to the Choctaw Council, I will quote a single paragraph. After saying that we cannot conduct the schools in accordance with the recent enactments, being unwilling to tell our teachers not to instruct slaves or their children, intimating at the same time that we cannot undertake to exclude "abolitionists" (as the word is generally received among the Choctaws), because it would apply to almost any New England man, & referring to our letter of June 22 1848, we say: "These may — to — hands."

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Thus you see how the question was left by the Comm^ee. What was done at Hartford, you know already. You will be able to judge how far we have departed from sound missionary principles. Should you come to a ~~result~~ conclusion differing from that of the Comm^ee I shall regret it. It is pleasant to have the approval of intelligent & good men, especially in matters of such delicacy & difficulty.

In any event, however, [illegible] relieve your Christian [illegible]; [illegible] will have any.

Most respectfully
Yr. Obt. Servt.

Dec. 29. 1854

Rev. Chipman [illegible]
Trenton. N.J.

S. S. Kent
Dec. [illegible]

Dear Sir

Your letter of the Dec. 28 I received this morning. The box of which you speak, arrived safely, & will be forwarded in due time to your daughter.

Very respectfully
Yours

S. S. Kent

Mission House, Boston

Jan. 4. 1855

Mr. N. J. Mandell

Hardwick, Mass.

Dear Sir

Yours of Jan. 2 is before me. I am not able to give you all the information which you ask, but some of your questions I may answer.

1. The name of the Cherokee Chief is John Ross. The Choctaws & Chickasaws have together four elected chiefs. Of those now in office [illegible] only one, [illegible]. Hon. [illegible] [illegible] generally [illegible] Cherokee [illegible] would probably reach them. I am not acquainted with the [illegible] chiefs, not even by name.

2. The [illegible] of the Indian Territory is the same as [illegible] Missouri or Ohio, [illegible]. For this purpose it is as one of the States.

3. Rev. [illegible] [illegible], Choctaw Preacher, [illegible], Choctaw station, is one of [illegible]. Geo. Whitefield, [illegible], Cherokee station, is another. I cannot venture to name any Creek or Chickasaw.

I am very truly

Yours

S. B. Treat

Genl. Off. Home Mission

Dec. 29. 1854

Rev. Chipman Smith

Tuckahoe. N.J.

Dear Sir

Your letter of Dec. 28 rec'd this morning. The box of which you speak, arrived safely, & will be forwarded in due time by your daughter.

Very respectfully

yours

S. B. Treat

Jan. 4. 1860

Mrs. M. J. Mendell
Haverhill, Mass.

Miss. Home Room
Jan. 16. 1860

Rev. O. P. Hoffenbecker

Dr. Sir, Yours of Jan. 2 is before me. I am not able to give you all the information which you ask, but some of your questions I may answer.

1. The name of the Cherokee Chief is John Ross. The Choctaws & Chickasaws have together four elective chiefs. Of those now in office I know the name of only one, Col. Hawkins. Any thing sent to the Chiefs generally Doaksville, Choctaw station, would probably reach them. I am not acquainted with the Creek chiefs, not even by name.

2. The postage to the Indian Territory is the same as to Missouri or Ohio, in all respects. For this purpose it is as one of the States.

3. Rev. Pliny Fisk, Choctaw Preacher, Wheelock, Choctaw station, is one of [the] best natives. Geo. Whitefield, Vedrion P.O. Cherokee station, a good master. I cannot venture to name any Creek or Chickasaw.

I am very truly yours

S. B. Treat

Rev. H. B. Wright
[illegible]

Miss. Rooms

Jan. 4. 1860.

Rev. A. B. Ossenkirchen[illegible]
St. Francis, C. E.

Dear Brother,

Yours of Dec. 26 I have received. I have conferred with the Com. & they authorize you to draw on the Treasurer, J. M. Gordon, for $150.

You do not speak of your [illegible]. Is it nearly finished? & what are its prospects?

May the Lord bless you greatly in your labors, & give you many souls as seals of your faithfulness!

Truly yours,
S. B. Treat

[illegible] Jan. [illegible] 1860

Yours of Dec. 7 is before me. I have not formally notified any one at Wheelock of the appointment of your brother, as I supposed that my assurances in the letter addressed to you at [illegible] were sufficient, especially in the absence of counter [illegible]. I [illegible] happy to say, however, that the appointment was made as I expected.

My letter of Nov. 4 was not written for my own satisfaction, for I did not feel that I needed any written statement of your views after free conversation with you. But as the papers [illegible] remarks of one connected with the Choctaw mission, (these remarks being commented on [illegible], & I presumed to yours also,) I thought it would be well for us to be able to [illegible] by a denial, if the facts would [illegible], or by a candid explanation, such as I thought [illegible]. We have so many attacks to ward off, [illegible] to be provided with the best weapons which we can procure in all cases.

I am sorry to hear that your health is not good. I pray our Heavenly Father to give you freedom

from [illegible] [illegible], if [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible], [illegible] that he [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] H. L. [illegible], that [illegible] may [illegible] in your

health [illegible] [illegible]. Eph. 3 [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] better

can I wish for you. Dear [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] is [illegible]

8 years, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to the consumption.

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[illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] by his Spirit, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in [illegible]
[illegible] parts, &c. [illegible] [illegible]
can I wish for any [illegible]. My [illegible] [illegible] is [illegible]
[illegible], [illegible] has the consumption.

Please [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], & ask your [illegible] of my continued interest in them & my prayer for their soul prosperity.

of the [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] affectionately yours S. B. Treat

We have made no decision [illegible] the Nez Percés. Have written to Oregon for information & wait the result of the application. I do not expect that we shall find sufficient encouragement for the recommencement of the missionary work in that region; though the contrary is possible. Our call seems to be to labor rather in other parts of the world.

Fraternally yours
S. B. Treat

[illegible]

Jany 5th 1858

Revd Chs. S. Waltz,

Cherokee — Dear Bro.

Your letter of the 18th Dec. I have received. We have made no decision in regard to the Nez Perces. I have written to Oregon for information, & must wait the result of the application. I do not expect that we shall find sufficient encouragement for the commencement of the missionary work in that region; though the contrary is possible. Our call seems to be to labour rather in other parts of the world; & I suppose he had [illegible]

Faithfully yours

S. B. Treat

Miss. Room. Rooms
Jan. 5, 1858
Jan. 6, 1858

Rev. J. Cotter,
Seneca
Dear Bro.

Your letter of Dec. 12 I read with deep interest & profound regret. I laid it before the Com.ee for their advice. I could not go to [illegible] at that time; hence Mr Wood, our N. Y. Sec. was instructed to see Mr. Hill, the Baptist Home Mission Sec. & state our views of the doings at Allegheny. This was done, & Dr. H. talked very well in reference to the matter. He also gave Mr. Wood some names of persons whom he might advantageously see, & I suppose he shall see them. This is about all that we can do. The result we shall see.

Miss. House Boston
Jan. 6, 1858

Mr. Jacob Hitchcock
Cherokee Mission.

Miss. House Boston
Jan. 6. 1858

Dr. S. L. Hobbs
Choctaw — Mount Ms.

Dear Sir, I received your letter of Oct. 27, but did not feel, as answer it at once, because you told me to expect another. But I will just acknowledge the favor, & that is all I can do in my present hurry.

Mr Dole is dead, I fear, unto death. His disease is consumption. I must take a part of his work, & that a part of our business before.

I want to hear all about matters in your quarter. What are the ... doing? What is the state of feeling among the people? How is it in your vicinity? Tell me all about it. Kindest regards to Mrs H. Truly yours, S. B. Treat

I learn from Mr ..., what I did not know before, that there are two hired ... at Dwight. I am surprised at this information; for I supposed that the views of the Com[tee] ...

... go against the having ... by the ... Department ... Cherokee Station ... emergency.

Dear Sir

It is it said that the ...

Mr. B. arrived a few days ago ... has ... upon his return, & will have reached the Cherokee nation during the winter. I suppose, however, he will go to Fairfield, as that seems to me to be the natural arrangement. The Comee did not locate him there, because the mission might have reasons for placing him somewhere else, which should be decisive. Else we should have passed upon the question.

In case he resides at F. Mr Worth will stay at Dwight. I presume, upon leaving Mr & Mrs. Orr will take your place. You will understand that it is not the desire of the Comee that you give up your post. They yield to your express wish in the matter, adding that they request Mr & Mrs. Orr to take the place of Mr. H. & yourself. It would have been pleasant for us, if you could have continued in the position which you have so long & so faithfully filled.

I learn from Mr Teale, what I did not know before, that there are two grist mills at Dwight. I am surprised at this information; for I supposed that the rules of the Comee

more substantial opportunity for the meeting. Miss. Rooms Jan. 6, 1854.

We go against the hiring of slaves, except it be for the preservation of life or health; & this in missionary [illegible] can only be in transient & unforeseen exigencies.

If it is said that the keeping up of a boarding school on its present plan & basis almost necessitates the hiring of slaves, then I answer, "We must give up Dwight on its plan & basis." We must dispose of the property generally, & place it on the foundation of an ordinary station. We had better give away the entire interest of the Board at Dwight than have such a fact (as the hiring abovementioned) get out before our churches.

I hope that you & Mr. Orr will keep this matter in mind. If the hiring of slaves on the present plan is indispensable, the Com^ee will wish to have the plan changed, so as to avoid such a necessity.

By & bye I shall hear from you as to the arrangements which may be made at Dwight. Meantime please to present my kindest regards to Mrs. [illegible] & Miss [illegible], & accept the assurance of my cordial esteem.

Very truly

Yours

S. B. Treat

of usefulness in that mission [illegible] as I wish they were. [illegible] your [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] that you might [illegible] [illegible]. We have [illegible] which we could send you if you had [illegible]

Mr. Treat to Butler
Jan. 6th 1858.

Dear Brother

I am sorry that we have kept you in suspense for so long a time; but we could not well avoid it. It was natural that the action of the Board should excite some talk & stir among the Cherokees; & we wished to see what would come of it all. There has been a good deal of feeling; & some strong measures were urged by pro-slavery men. So far as I can learn the result is this: No new stations can be commenced at present; but beyond that we may have no trouble. Some would be glad to eject our missionaries; but that cannot be just now, if ever.

Shall you go to the Cherokee mission? That is the question. Mr Worcester says, Come; for I have this day heard from him. He is anxious to have you decide in this direction. For myself, I should prefer to have you go, & see the country, people, missionaries, &c. Having done all the good you can for a few weeks or months, you will be able to come to some satisfactory decision in regard to your own duty. Should you feel called upon to stay, or the contrary, I should believe it to be of the Lord.

I must say, however, that the prospects

of usefulness in that mission are not so bright as I wish they were. I would not wish you to go there with any unreasonable expectations of doing great things, lest you might be disappointed.

We have other missions to which we could send you, if you had a decided preference in some other direction. But on the whole it rather seems to be desirable that you should visit the Cherokees this winter, & see whether the Lord has any work for you to do there.

If you go, the sooner you set out the better. Let me hear from you in reply as soon as may be.

Very cordially

Yours

S. B. Treat

Miss. Home, Boston,

Jan. 8 1855

Rev. C. L. Boing

Nebraska, N.T.

Dear Brother

Yours of Dec. 23. I have duly received. I should have replied earlier, but for want of time. And now I must be brief; for I must go to Albany to-morrow to work for the same end.

In reference to this tribe, I know not that they offer any field for a missionary, in addition to those who have been there. The mission is complete at present.

What say you to South Africa? Is Mrs. Boing well enough; or will she be, to go thither? my kind regards to her.

Truly yours S. B. Treat

Mis. Hou. Boston

Jan. 12. 1855

Rev. C. L. Boing
Newark N. J.

Dear Bro.

On my return from Albany, I found yours of the 9th. I presume you had not received mine of the 8th when you wrote. In relation to missionary fields for you & Mrs B. I have nothing more to suggest. Our Indian missions, out of slaveholding communities, are full. Perhaps you would be willing to join some other mission.

As to your present plans, I would suggest that while Mrs. Boing is regaining her health, it will be well for you to preach to vacant churches; that thereby you may do good to the souls of men, & receive something in the way of pecuniary compensation. Whatever is proper for us to do toward your expenses, the Comee will not hesitate to do. But if by preaching you can support yourself, in whole or in part, it is very desirable. In no other way can you advance the interests of the Board more directly for the present. Your pursuing this course will not prevent your considering your duty as to going to the heathen beyond seas.

Affectionate regards to Mrs B.

As ever fraternally

Yrs

S. B. Treat

P. S. Your account, bills, &c. I have placed in the hands of Mr. Gordon.

Miss. Mission House Boston
Jan. 12. 1855.

Rev. H. G. Storer
Park Hill, Ind.

Rev & Dear Sir

Yours of the 7th did not come into my hands till this morning. The $15 will be remitted to Mr. Libby by the next mail, without occasioning any trouble to you.

Very truly
Yours
S. B. Treat
Sec. &c

Miss. House, Boston

Jan. 10th 1855

Hon. W. Lowrie

Esq. Sec. B. F. M.

Dear Sir,

On returning from Albany this morning, I find your favor of the 8th. I thank you for the courtesy exhibited in this communication, & I hope we shall never be found wanting in this respect.

I am happy to say that there is nothing in our relations to the Good Water school which renders it improper for your Board to accede to Col. Jones' request. Mr. Hotchkin is already authorized to act for us in closing our connection therewith.

Very respectfully & truly yours

S. B. Treat

Sec. &c. &c.

Jan. 12. 1855.

Rev. C. J. [illegible]
Mr. S. V. Libby,
Doaksville. C. N.

Dear Sir.

Your letter of Dec. 2 I have read with care; & after some reflection, I sit down to reply. If you refer to missions beyond sea, in your inquiries respecting another field, I am obliged to say that I do not know of any place which you would think it best to occupy. We seldom send laymen to those missions; & such as we do send, have qualifications which I suppose you do not possess. They go as teachers, printers, book-binders, physicians, &c, &c. And I do not know that we have any place for you at our other Indian stations. Perhaps they would be glad to have you go to Wright; possibly we may have an opening elsewhere next spring; but I am not at all sure of it. I am sorry that I have no information of a more definite character to communicate; but I must state things as they are.

Your reasons for leaving Pine Ridge I do not know, & hence cannot judge of their strength. But I have regarded you as having a very useful position; & I have been glad that we sent you thither. If Providence calls you away, we can only acquiesce. Of this you must be the judge.

Mr Storrs wishes $15 sent to you. The enclosed will get the money for you.

Truly yours S. B. Treat.

Miss. Rooms, Boston,
Jan. 17. 1855

Rev. [illegible]
[illegible], Vt.

Dear Brother

[Your letter] of Jan. [illegible] I laid before the Com^ee yesterday, & asked their opinion as to the course which should be recommended to you to pursue. They then came to the conclusion that they cannot take the responsibility of advising you to proceed to the Cherokee Nation at the present time. You seem to be so usefully occupied at home, that they do not feel like saying, "depart hence to another field." It seems to them rather that you should remain where you are for the present, & see what the Lord would have you to do.

If you remain in accordance with this opinion, it will not be best probably for you to think of going to the Cherokee country before next fall. Spring & summer are bad seasons for entering upon missionary life in that part of the world.

In the meantime you can consider the question of a change of location, if you wish to do so. It must be confessed that the prospect is not very bright in that field; and I do not know that it will improve very soon. Mr [illegible], who has recently returned, speaks discouragingly; but he is a little inclined to look on the dark side. Truly yours S. B. Treat

The individual proposed [illegible] Com^tee and that you should [illegible] to the native Brethren [illegible] difficulty & [illegible] that they have their reasons.

It is still possible [illegible] you may go at no distant day. Perhaps the slavery [illegible] from hearing from you on the other thing; we have [illegible] hoped [illegible] some [illegible] especially letters from the Cherokee nation. But we are still in the dark as to certain facts, particularly in regard to the action of the Cherokee Council as affecting missionaries. I understand that there was a good deal of excitement on the slavery question, & that a law came very near being passed which would have made their position quite insecure. But the mission have not kept us "posted up" in this regard.

In view of all the circumstances, the Com^ee do not feel that they ought to send any more missionaries to the nation just at present. Our finances are getting somewhat straitened. The receipts for Dec. fell off some $ 6000. from Dec. 1853. We must look out for a considerable stringency. A large debt seems to be inevitable. If we adopt your plan, we must incur not a little expense, in addition to what we have appropriated for the Cherokee mission for the current year. We are often told, "Keep down your expenditures as low as possible." The Com^ee think it is the part of wisdom to heed the warning.

The individual preference [illegible] Com.rs was that you should be sent out to the [illegible] at once. But they decided differently; & I must [illegible] feel that they have strong reasons.

It is still possible that you may go at no distant day. Perhaps the slavery question will get into a better shape. Perhaps our prospects will improve unexpectedly. We shall see.

I still hope that you will write on the "[illegible]". We want light on the Cherokee mission. Mr. Teele does not give a flattering account of things; but he looks on the dark side.

Fraternally

Yours

S. B. Treat

Jan. 17. 1855.

Dear Sir:

[illegible] Yours of Jan. 15 [illegible] history of the Choctaw mission [illegible] annual reports [illegible] to the [illegible] of the Indian missions, giving special prominence to that among the Choctaws. See the Report for 1852, p. 20; also the Report for 1853, p. 22. Nothing of special interest has occurred in the mission since the Report for 1854.

I have no letters from the mission in respect to the course of the N. Y. Observer. The statement to which you refer surprised me; & I must believe that it is to be understood with a good deal of qualification.

The Observer does not seem to apprehend the real points involved in this matter. The Com.rs have done nothing to interfere with the ecclesiastical rights of the mission. We suppose that we know something about the distinctions which are to be made in such cases; if we do not, we must be dull scholars, for we have more occasion than others to study them.

Very sincerely yours, S. B. Treat

Mis. House, Boston,
Jan. 18. 1855.

M. O. Halsted. Esq
36 Nassau, New York:—

Dear Sir.

Your favor of Jan. 15 I have duly received. The past history of the Choctaw mission you will find in our Annual Reports. The one for 1848 is particularly full. I presented to the annual meeting at Troy some of the results of Indian missions, giving special prominence to that among the Choctaws. See the Report for 1852, p. 20. Also the Report for 1853, p. 22. Nothing of special interest has occurred in the mission since the Report for 1854.

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Very truly yours. S. B. Treat

Dr. Palmer's case stands on [illegible]. [illegible] nothing [illegible], for [illegible] he was [illegible] for [illegible] in [illegible] any claim of the same [illegible] that Mr. [illegible] wants, [illegible] & [illegible] [illegible]. The [illegible] of his going [illegible] to the natives, as also that [illegible] [illegible] that [illegible] in regard to the reinforcement [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] their way to the [illegible], for I [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] in [illegible] time. But I [illegible] [illegible] that any one else will join you.

The excitement in the Council (about which I am not fully informed) has led the Com^{ee} to hesitate. I wrote to Mr Worcester (not willing to put you all to the trouble of assembling for the purpose of obtaining his opinion in reference to Mr Torrey's going at present) who was anxious that he should go without delay. I informed Mr T. of this fact, expressing at the same time my [illegible] that he should fall in with the [illegible] plan. Whereupon Mr Torrey wrote a long letter, describing the state of things at Stowe V^t (where he is laboring in a truly [illegible] field), saying that he was willing to set out on the journey, if it be decided, but wishing us to know the whole case. The Com^{ee} concluded, in view of the need of his continuing at Stowe for the present, to relinquish the idea of sending him to our field at this time. Rev. J. H. Worcester, once Sec. of the V^t [illegible] Soc. & well acquainted with Stowe, says that Mr T. ought not to leave that place just now. On the whole the case seems clear thus far. The [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] know.

Dr. Palmer's case stands on a different footing. [illegible] [illegible] for because he was [illegible] [illegible] of the [illegible] [illegible] from any claim of the kind [illegible] [illegible], [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] salary. The expenses of his going [illegible] to the nation, as also those of his wife, daughter, & an [illegible] [illegible] (though the whole party will not [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. You will [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] this [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], & the [illegible] of Mr. Williams [illegible], with [illegible], [illegible] a very considerable sum. [illegible] [illegible] Mr. Hitchcock may want his outfitting allowance. There are times when we should think but little of this objection. But now we must watch our expenses very carefully. It is hardly possible, with all our economy, that we shall not be greatly in debt. Hence we feel bound to confine the outfits & other appropriations, [illegible] in every other case of [illegible].

I ought not to conceal the fact that the state of the missionary work in the Cherokee nation has some influence. In other words, if the promise of the field were much greater, & injury might result from any delay, the Com^e might depart from their rule of the present time. This they [illegible] sometimes, though rarely. But the prospects with us is not bright [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible], all the [illegible] discouraging.

It is very possible that the Com^e may [illegible] [illegible] Dr. Palmer's [illegible] future [illegible].

Affectionately yours,

[illegible]

not take that the Church [illegible] [illegible] mind [illegible] than they [illegible]. The Society [illegible], the Chinese problem is to be [illegible] in that quarter. Besides, there is a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] operating ready from without.

Your journal of Nov. 7 & 29, deals [illegible] about the [illegible] you for [illegible] which fully [illegible] throughout the evils of kidnapping. I trust that the [illegible] of the [illegible] in this matter will come [illegible]. The Lord grant that it may be so. The [illegible] did the [illegible] letter [illegible] [illegible] report. I have no doubt. I [illegible] the wish that Mr P. might be sent out to the [illegible] [illegible], but the Com^tee thought it not wise to do it. We have a heavy debt in prospect; & we are desirous to be economical, & not expend any more than is necessary. At the best your [illegible] will [illegible] a large sum this year. Mr Wiley's appeals will not be [illegible]. He certainly takes matters very [illegible]. I shall probably write to you [illegible] on the [illegible].

Mr P. wants a house at [illegible]. I [illegible] all [illegible] that [illegible] is best. The objection to this [illegible] must come up [illegible] that [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible], & the way, was one element in the judgment of the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] is [illegible] they do not [illegible]. But this was not a governing consideration.

The Amoy [illegible] had a [illegible] experience. The [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], what was before us. [illegible] I rejoice in the [illegible] [illegible].

not sure that the Cherokee [illegible] will be in [illegible] mood next year than they are now. We are not through with the Choctaw problem; & we may have [illegible] trouble in that quarter. Besides, there is a [illegible] liability to misfortune operating [illegible] without.

I am surprised that no one has given me an account of the [illegible] which the Council had under discussion in reference to the removal of missionaries. I have seen something in the papers on the subject. What was the bill precisely? Did it pass the Committee? By what vote? How stood the vote in the Upper House?

Much to my regret & disappointment I learned from Mr Teale that slaves are hired by the year at Dwight. Is this really so? I am amazed, if it is the fact. Thought your mission was sound & right on that point. But such a fact would do us great injury, if it were to be made public.

I shall probably write to you soon on this general question. We will see what we can do. May the Lord give us wisdom! We need it greatly. There is a tendency to extremes on every hand. Let us avoid them, [illegible].

Affectionate regards to Mrs. W. & Miss Hall, & all the [illegible].

Fraternally, as ever, yours &c
S. B. Treat

Mr. Woodford may be expected some of these weeks. I rejoice in this appointment exceedingly.

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{Put by mistake in Dec. book [illegible]. Boston}

Jan. 19. 1855.

Rev. A. Myers — Miss. Home Boston

Albany. N.Y.

Dear Brother

I have received yours of the 18th & have seen Mr May. I found him at Garrison's! We had a pleasant talk, & I hope there will be no difficulty. He says he is in favor of our plan, with his. But if only one can succeed, he prefers his own. I feel confident that we must go for the two, & I do not think it will do to yield to any suggestion for sacrificing either at present. Mr May will stay at Albany but 2 or 3 days. After he is gone, if the Comm^ee feel that they cannot go for the whole, let them take the responsibility of throwing his over-board. You, however, had better favor both.

You can make this suggestion to Mr. May. In case we cannot get all that we want, suppose we obtain our schools this year; & next year, when the Flower allowance expires, you can ask for a larger grant, & so all our ends be attained. I am not sure that it is best to suggest this. Indeed. I am rather inclined to think that we had better work only for the two grants, lest we get our forces divided, now or hereafter. We can meet Wilson better with May's interest. Strong is expected at Albany next week. Mr May will be at the Delavan at first. Then he may stay with Mr Miller, of the Insane Asylum. He wants to see you.

Truly yours G. B. Frost

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{Put by mistake in Dakota book. for transferred &c}

Miss. House Boston

Jan. 23. 1855.

Miss M. E. Denny

Cherokee. Dear Miss Denny

I have received yours of Dec. which informs me that your plans have fallen through. I am sorry that it is so; but there is surely no fault with you.

I learn through Rev J. L. Wilson that you have some thought of entering one of the Presby. boarding schools. I cannot blame you; and if the way shall be clear we shall cheerfully give you up. If you write for a release, please to get the approval of the missionaries; if they have no meeting, their separate voices will suffice. What will be done at Lee's Creek? I hope our brethren will provide for that field.

Yours in
S. B. Treat

Miss. House. Boston
Jan. 22. 1858.

Rev. J. L. Wilson,
Sec. of the Gen.
Assembly's Bd. of Missions.

Dear Bro.

Your favor of the 19th I have received this morning. I had had no intimation of Miss Denny's wish to enter one of your schools, though I knew that she did not feel satisfied to continue in a mere day school. We have recently assented to a plan, proposed by herself, which she now informs me has fallen through. Hence her communication to you, I presume.

As to her character & ability to teach, I can say that I think highly of both. Her education, I suppose, is of a high order; & she is fitted to be an instructor in our best female schools. She has been very successful at Fairfield; but she says, truly, that there are boys there who are too large & rude for a woman, & that, after all, such a school accomplishes but little. Hence her reluctance to remain there.

I have no objection to your expressing your readiness to employ her, in case her connection with us shall be honorably terminated. Our mission, I fear, will regret her leaving the Cherokee nation; & possibly they may feel a good deal disappointed, as we can send no one thither at present. Still she will leave, even if she does not join one of your missions, sooner or later; & when she does leave, I am perfectly willing that she should become connected with your Board.

Fraternally yours, S. B. Treat

Mission House Boston

Jan. 23. 1855.

Mr. B. F. Hall,
Allegheny:—

Dear Brother

Yours of the 15th. I have received; & will reply briefly. You can draw for the $60 allowed for repairs as soon as you please. A second vote of the Com. is not necessary.

I am glad to hear so fairly in regard to your affairs. Have been to Albany, where Bro. Wright now is; & hope something will be done for your Reservation. But I am not sure.

Please to present my kind regards to Mrs. H. & all with you.

Fraternally yours,

S. B. Treat

Mis. House, Boston,
Jan. 23. 1858.

Mr. Harvey Copeland,
Choctaw Mission.

Dear Brother,

Your letters of Nov. 24 & Dec. 11 I am happy to acknowledge. The [illegible] of your mission write but little in these days, & I am glad to be informed more fully in regard to [illegible] brethren enable me to be.

[illegible]

I feel that we have [illegible] of wisdom from above. Oh, may we have it in large measure!

[illegible]

S. B. Treat

Jan. 23. 1858.

Miss M. A. Strout,
Wheelock, C. N.

Dear Miss Strout,

Your favor of Sept. 7 I have duly received, & today I have laid your request for a release before the Comee with the reasons which you give therefor. They cheerfully accede to your wishes, & regard that you are no longer in connection with us. What I wrote to you in regard to expenses, you will understand, is in full force.

After your return to the States, I shall hope that Providence will bring us together at some time. Meantime, please to accept my best wishes for your welfare.

Yours in Christian love,
S. B. Treat

Jan. 23. 1855.

Rev. C. C. Copeland,
Choctaw Mission.

Dear Brother

Your letters of Nov. 24 & Dec. 11 I am happy to acknowledge. The movements of your mission are but few in these days; & I am glad to be informed more fully in regard to some matters than the letters of brethren enable me to be.

I am still in the dark as to certain points; & I have written to Mr. Kingsbury in reference thereto. I am not sure that the letter which the Com^ee sent to the Council was withheld; though I suppose it was. What advantage there was in retaining it, I am at a loss to conjecture. The knowledge of the doings of the Board at Hartford must have produced about as much excitement as that communication would have done.

I know not what course the Com^ee will decide upon. Our position is unpleasant & trying. The mission have assumed the prerogative of defeating the action of the Com^ee in a matter that was most clearly within their province. This is or will be patent to all the world. What is to be done? That is the question.

Such matters have special need of wisdom from above. Oh, may I have it in large measure!

Kind regards to Mrs. C. Truly yours S. B. Treat

[illegible]
Jan. 29. 1855.

Mr. [illegible],
Choctaw Mission.

Dear Brother,

Jan. 27. 1855 Your [illegible] was received & read with pleasure, as also the letter from Mrs. [illegible]. Please say that she has my thanks for sending me such a remembrance. You are not forgotten by me, though you are far away. My prayer is that you may abound more & more in works of love & faith.

I have laid the matter of the school before the Com^ee. You know how we are situated financially: we began the year with a debt of $[illegible]. Our receipts are falling off; we are expecting to close the year with a still larger indebtedness. Money is scarce, & the times are hard. Our appropriations will not be met by our income; so that when we come to the question of additional allowances we must be careful. Necessity is laid upon us.

The Com^ee make this proposition. We will give $100 towards the school, in the hope that the people will do the rest. Tell them that we are willing to help; but we think they will be willing to help too. Let us take hold together — they & we — & raise enough for a good school. I am sure those Choctaws whom the Lord has blessed so much, will say, "Yes. We will do it." This is my talk to them. What do they say in reply?

Kind regards to Mr. [illegible]. Fraternally yours,

S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston

Jan. 27. 1855

Rev. C. C. Torrey

Storrs Vt.

Dear Bro.

Some of the books named. Newcomb's Cyclopedia of Missions is the best work for Monthly Concerts. Price about $2.00. It is very large. Dwight's Christianity in the East is excellent for the Armenian mission. Tracy's History of the Board is accurate but rather dry. It is valuable for its purpose.

Fraternally

Yrs

S. B. Treat

Preservation of life or health by [illegible] & [illegible] and
[illegible] for a variety of [illegible]. 1855.
Rev. Wm. Smith [illegible] their ecclesiastical rights? Rev.
New York City. —

Dear Brother,

Yours of the 26th March just received, & for it I thank you. It seems to be a great pity that the N.Y. Observer should be in such hands. It is doing not a little mischief, in different quarters, & there is no prospect of any change of policy. The weakness of its handling of this question is amazing. Where is Morse, that he does not interpose? He should at least see that such views are presented with dignity. To hear such a man as S. I. P. talk about a want of logical discrimination! But you want something more and [illegible].

Two things are true in reference to the Cherokee mission. 1. We have not infringed upon any of their rights. 2. We have been very careful not to do it; for we knew how liable we were to such a charge. Some of the missionaries do not know where the dividing line, as touching this question, ought to run; & this is true of some of their friends. Besides there is great tendency to complain on the part of the one, & of the other also. They feel that their private concerns have been wantonly invaded! How? Because we have discouraged the hiring of slaves. Some of the missionaries, & most all, admit that it is an evil, & would avoid it, if practicable. And I can make no objection to their hiring for the

pronouncement; of life or liberty, beyond the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] these days, for accusing of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] is a plain violation of rights! And the beginning of the letter [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] preached to all the letters, have not kept clearly within your proper province. [illegible] that some application [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] after my [illegible] [illegible] or [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] that I must respond your letter [illegible] [illegible].

1. We have not treated the Choctaw missionaries worse than others in any particular. We have not undervalued those brethren in the least. They have stood as well with the Com. & the Secretary as any other missionaries.

2. We have not departed from our usage in regard to matters of civil government. The Com. have been always accustomed to advise, & even speak with authority, in such questions. And this right is indispensable. Missionaries go out with but little experience, in reference to the delicate relations of their work to the powers that be. Some are inexperienced, as well as young. Besides, older men may err herein; & there are some points that are not free from difficulty. Cannot that Com. advise, & even direct in certain cases? One who denies this, has not forgotten the alphabet of missions, & [illegible] the Hon. Walter Lowrie?

And this thing is done constantly. Does any suppose that the Com. have never given any advice to Dr. King in all his difficulties with the [illegible]

of Government or that [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of the [illegible]
[illegible] the [illegible], or the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
U. S. Minister Resident at the Capital, or [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible], &c. &c.? Have we given any warning in
[illegible] since 1842, which [illegible] any recognition of the
[illegible] [illegible] of this [illegible] by the Com^ee? Suppose
a missionary takes a position which compromises his
character as a preacher of the gospel, can nothing be
done? Suppose he accepts an office from the U. S.
or a foreign power, without our consent, & perhaps against
our known wishes, must the Board be silent? We
have a rule that in such a case the missionary's
relation to the A.B.C.F.M., by the fact of the acceptance,
terminates; & this rule has been applied in practice to
cases that I might mention.

In fact, a Com^ee or Board that should disclaim all
interference, in any case, with the relations of the
missionary to the "powers that be," would fail to secure
the confidence of the churches; & deservedly. For here
is one of the questions that need to be watched with
special care. And our experience makes us more & more
cautious. "Obsta principiis" is our maxim.

We have no difficulty with our missions in this
regard. They admit the right of the Com^ee to speak in
such cases; & the correspondence is perfectly friendly on
both sides. If the N. Y. Observer has received such
assurances as its language implies, it is a new thing in
my experience, & somewhat ominous in that. But I have
no idea that the entire mission will say any such thing.

Mis. House, Boston

When I was in the Choctaw nation, 1848, I was told that a leading Choctaw (David Folsom) had formerly (1845) had some doubts as to the lawfulness of ~~the~~ slavery; ~~[illegible]~~; that he had read an article in the Princeton Repertory, published before that time; that he avowed himself satisfied with its reasonings; & that he then (1848) defended slavery from the Bible. I suppose this statement to be substantially correct; but I should not like to be quoted as authority for it. And if used, it had better be given as a report that was & is believed to be truthful.

Respectfully & fraternally

Yours

S. B. Treat

which they spoke of his potentiality. [illegible] Baptizing Cherokees to have him taken. [illegible] obtained consent. Rev. S. B. Treat [illegible] to the same effect.
Cher. Nation [illegible] become married, & his [illegible] friends were asking [illegible] Butler [illegible] treatment of a missionary? Has he [illegible] part of [illegible]
yours of Jan. [illegible]. It has occasioned me [illegible], & awakened feelings which I do not love to cherish. I must confess that the history of your [illegible] for the last few years has been a good deal checquered; & I fear that it is not all sunshine ahead. I [illegible] so dissatisfied with my own success in directing our Indian missions that I would gladly give them up to other hands; but yours especially has occasioned disappointment & sadness. My relations to Dr. Butler's family have become unexpectedly unpleasant. I labored hard to get Fairfield supplied; but it was to very little purpose. Then I induced Miss Smith to give up the school at that station, much to her displeasure, & sent Miss [illegible] thither. Now, however, she is dissatisfied, & writes back letters to her friends that do us no good. I had a friendly interview with the brother you name, & gave him certain reasons for his laboring somewhere in New England, when he proposed to go to [illegible] on the same [illegible] plan, we paying $ 200 or 300 towards out his support. I assented to the scheme, because I thought if the people wished him to become their minister (as he expected) he might properly do so much [illegible] the [illegible] mentioned. He was not to be a missionary. A few months passed on, & [illegible] letters from [illegible] Dr. [illegible], the [illegible]
[illegible] therefore [illegible] on my [illegible] other reasons. [illegible]

which they spoke of his popularity & the desire of many Cherokees to have him return. We, too, obtained communications from various sources to the same effect. Meantime he had become married, & his friends & his family were asking "What is the matter?" "Why this treatment of a missionary?" He has been in many places, & has had a chance to see almost any kind of land. At this point of time, Mr Teele had been to return. Soon afterward Mr Pierson died. Who should take F.? Either he or Mr Worcester was needed there, because at that time Mr Torrey was going out to lay, with special reference to Honey Creek. If he was willing to go there, that was the [illegible] to [illegible] these circumstances, we did not see what we could do, save to send Mr W. that F. might be supplied by him or Mr. Worcester. It was some time afterward that I heard of the giving up the idea of a new station at Honey Creek, the anti-slavery excitement, &c &c. Things are not at all as I would have them; but Providence has marred our counsels, & we must bow with submission. I fear in respect to Mrs. W's health. Had we known at the time of her appointment all that we now know, we should have paused on this ground. But the whole truth was not communicated to us. If you say, "Why not send Mr. Palmer to F.?" We do not understand that the mission desire to have Mr P. at any station.

You will have learned before this time that Miss Mooney wishes to go into a Ready boarding school. It is best that she should. But how can we send a teacher to Lee's Creek at present? It is impossible. I asked Mr W. to obtain a teacher for F. because [illegible] he would go [illegible] let him have the selection therefore. [illegible] I had too much on my hands [illegible] & other reasons. [illegible]

Miss. Home, Boston
Jan. 31. 1853.

Rev. M. Palmer M.D.,
Fitchville, Huron Co. O.

Dear Brother.

In reply to yours of Jan. 23. I will briefly say that Mr. Worcester's letter to which you refer, had been received before the action of the Com^ee as mentioned in mine of Jan. 17. Yesterday, however, I brought the matter before the Com. again, & read the material parts of your letter. Still they feel constrained to adhere to their former opinion. It is possible that in the progress of events they may soon look at the question in a different light. Do not fail to write on the other topics as may be[?]

Truly yours, &c. S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston.

Feb. 6. 1858.

Rev. S. R. Riggs

Dakotas.—

Dear Brother,

Your favor of Nov. 29. is before me. It makes me sad to hear how Indian matters are managed in your region. But there are some signs that Gov. G. will not long retain his place. Whether his successor will do better is not clear. We must wait in hope.

Will you have the goodness to inform me what is the arrangement with Mr Adams (Traveler) in regard to the Indian child which he has? How much do we pay? Is it more than the sum usually allowed for educating such children? If so, why? Kindest regards to Mrs R. & the children, in which Mrs. W. joins.

Truly yours, S. B. Treat

Mass. House, Boston
Feb. 6. 1855

Rev. J. Pettijohn
Treas. [illegible]

Dear Sir

Yours of Jan. 16. came just received. I have written for information in reference to the matter about which you inquire; you may expect to hear from me again.

Please offer my Christian regards to Mrs P.

Very sincerely
Yours

S. B. King

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Mission Rooms, Boston

Feb. 6. 1857

Rev. E. A. Wright,

Albany, N.Y. Dear Brother,

Your letters have been read with interest & satisfaction. I am sorry that the Tuscaroras are not often included in the bill. They deserve aid as much as any Indians; & they are as worthy as any. Mr. Mt. Pleasant abstained from pushing the matter last year merely through the fear that he prevent any action.

I learn that Rev. C. W. Hughes of Lansingburg, N.Y. is Sec'y of the Baptist State Convention, & he is the person to be seen in reference to Smith's movements at [illegible]. He had an allowance from the Convention in last year. Why are not you for the [illegible] Hayes? [illegible] Yours in [illegible]

[illegible]

Mis. Home Rooms
Feb 6. 1855

Miss E. Barker
New Haven Ct — Remittance. B.

Your letters of Jan 20 I laid before the Com. this afternoon. They have directed the Treas. to pay you $140.55, which you will receive herewith.

I am sorry to hear that you have suffered so much from ill health. May the Lord give you your full strength again, & also strengthen you with might in the inner man! We all need a large increase of grace & do Christ's work & will.

It will be in order at some time for you to ask or receive a formal dismission from our connection. This is our practice. Truly yours, Geo Whipple

"not to aid ... thereby of the ~~[illegible]~~
but to strengthen the whole thing by its integrity."
The whole affair altogether they ... unequalled in modern
... He has charged the Board with trying
to crush the American Missionary Association,
its missionaries, & kindred societies.

February 1855.

Lewis Tappan Esq.

Brooklyn, N.Y.

Dear Sir

In yours of Jan. 20 or Jan. 26, you call my attention to extracts from two of my letters to Rev. C. G. Young, published in the Anti-Slavery Reporter for Jan. 1. 1855; in one of which I allude to you by name, & in the other I say: "Very serious charges, & most untrue, have been made in the official paper of the American Missionary Association; but we have let them pass, & we hope to do so hereafter, should such a course be pursued. Since the meeting at Hartford, however, the tone of that society has greatly altered." In respect to the first of these extracts, you ask no explanation. The word "admirable" you will recall, I doubt not, as having been used by yourself. In respect to the second extract you say: "As some of the articles respecting the A.B.C.F.M. in the A. M. were written by me, allow me to enquire what charges you alluded to in the letter from which the above extract is taken. Be so kind, also, as to name the untrue charges, & state specifically what was said in the A.M. that is untrue."

My letter of Nov. 15 was in reply to one from Mr Young, in which he spoke of the extraordinary statements put forth by Rev. James Vincent, Agent of the American Reform Tract & Book Society, & a friend of the American Missionary Association. This individual had represented the Board as seeking the aid of British Christians.

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[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] England, [illegible] the Board [illegible]
to [illegible] the [illegible] of [illegible]
the [illegible] society, by giving English
Christians [illegible] an [illegible] with them. [illegible]
the [illegible] moreover, in persuading some persons [illegible]
these things [illegible] as far as it has boldly [illegible]
at the meeting of the Congregational Union at [illegible]
that the Board had "got up this movement" to recover
their lost credit."

It was in these circumstances that I wrote to Mr
Young as follows: "I must confess to a slight mortifica-
tion (1) that such things should be said of us by a
countryman; & (2) that our English brethren should believe
them to be true. We have had something to do with men
of Mr Vincent's stamp; but we have but little trouble from
them now. That the Board, however, should be supposed
capable of seeking aid from British Christians to break
down another missionary society is truly humbling."
I then made use of the following language: "Only one
point will I notice in Mr Vincent's letter; & that is
our imagined antagonism to the Am. Miss. Associ-
ation. Now we have ~~[illegible]~~ abstained most
studiously from all attacks on this society; nay,
we have seldom gone so far as to defend ourselves.
We dislike this sort of warfare above all things
else. We must be excused from a controversy with
any missionary body unless it becomes absolutely

necessity. Very serious charges, most decidedly untrue, have been made in the official paper of the [illegible] Association; but we have let them pass, [illegible] we hope to do so hereafter, should such a course be permitted. Since the meeting at Hartford [illegible] Worcester, the tone of that society has greatly altered." In the succeeding paragraph I said: "I do not desire the destruction of the Am. Miss. Association; nor do any officers [illegible]

From these extracts you will see that my object in writing to Mr Young was to repel the idea of our "antagonism" to the Am. Miss. Association. I did not aver that the "official paper" of that society had designedly made any "untrue" statement. I merely affirmed that it had made "charges" which were "very serious", which were also "most untrue", adding, that we had "let them pass", because we disliked "controversy" with a "missionary body". Such being the case, I cannot feel that I am under any obligation to point out the statements in the American Missionary which we regard as untrue. That paper is now in its ninth year. It has devoted many of its pages to the Board. If I were to go into a thorough examination of its charges, I must of necessity, judging from the past, neglect labors that are certainly more agreeable to me, as it seems to me more important.

I find in the Anti Slavery Reporter for Jan. 1. 1855 my letter to the Christian Observer, dated Oct. 7. If you had seen the article in the Religious Herald of November 23, I am sure you would

nor have done me such injustice. Miss. Home Boston
Feb 7. 1855
Respectfully yours

Rev. Wm. A. Hallock
Sec. Am. Tract Soc.

S. B. Treat

P.S. If you make any use of this letter, I must request that the whole of it be read.

Miss. Home Boston
Feb. 7. 1855

Chs. H. Stewart Esq
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir

In yours of Nov. 8 you stated that the Ship matter would "be decided on some new grounds" "within the present or next month". It is now three months from that date, and I have heard nothing. Will you have the goodness to inform me as to the progress of this endless affair. We are quite anxious to be rid of it

Truly yrs

S. B. Treat
Sec. A.B.C.F.M.

Miss. House Bost.
Feb. 9. 1855

Rev. Wm. A. Hallock
Sec. Am. Tract Soc.

Dear Brother

I have spent a little time in looking at your proposed distribution of $7000; & two things have occurred to me (1.) The missions really need $7500 at the lowest estimate. Madura should have $500, as it is a large & prospering mission. I think, moreover, that the Nestorian mission will want $300, as will Fuh-chau $100. Shanghai writes for $300. To the last mission, however, I would give $250, taking that sum from Canton. (2) If $7000 is the maximum, I would transfer $250 of Canton's $500 to Shanghai; take $300 from Madras & give it to Madura; & try to squeeze out a trifle for the Nestorian brethren.

In sum, most hastily

Fraternally yours

S. B. Treat
Sec. A.B.C.F.M.

Rev. C. Foster

Thetford, Vt.

Dear Brother,

I am surprised by the tone of your letter. I think it is not hardly what I had a right to expect. If there is any condition in your case, I have seen the fault is it all mine. How stands the case?

In the conversation which we had, the sums named $75 or $100, as what would be sufficient. In your letter you did not intimate that neither of these sums would not be sufficient. You specify no sum whatever. Almost always we ask the missionary to specify what he wants; else we must make an allowance in the dark. As you had named two sums before, I supposed that I might safely take the highest, & that this would be satisfactory.

You will say that the reasons for an allowance would have justified a larger sum. Granted; but missionaries often agree to receive an amount far below what their reasons would justify; & I did not know but this was your feeling. I certainly knew that it would have been very easy for you to say, "On reflection I think $75 or $100 would not be enough." Then I should not have been misled.

And tell me why you did not inform me of my mistake when you were last at the Mission Rooms. It would have taken but a moment

to have remained by me in [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] not call afterward, when [illegible] Feb. 15. 1855 [illegible], when the Prudential Committee would have cleared up the [illegible]? Why wait, & talk to friends of the "Board" about the scanty allowance which we have made, perhaps to the injury of the Prud. Com.ee

I cannot bring the matter before the Com.ee tomorrow, because I do not know what you really wish us to allow. We do not mean to be niggardly or [illegible]; if you had asked a larger sum, I presume it would have been granted; or if you had given us any clue to your own views, I presume we should have done according to those views; for I do not think you intend to be unreasonable in the matter. You requested "a small remittance." Will you be a little more definite? You speak of a half year's salary of a domestic minister. A large number of the ministers in New England receive $500 or less. Will $150 in addition to the $100 which you have received be satisfactory? If not, please to let me know what will be satisfactory, & I will lay the question before the Com.ee at the earliest day.

Affectionate regards to Mrs. T. & [illegible].

Yours, fraternally,

S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston

Feb. 15. 1855

Rev. M. Palmer,

[illegible], Ohio.

Dear Brother,

Yours of the 7th I have received. I do not think that Mr. Kelly's account of Choctaw matters has any special influence, except so far as it is confirmed by other statements. We understand his idiosyncrasies; & we regret his going out to that field. But the evidence of an undesirable state of things there is quite too strong. Mr Kelley is very hopeful; but he goes to the other extreme.

I have not seen the Christian Press; but there is nothing in my letter of Oct. 7. '54 which is a retraction of, or a deviation from, any thing in my letter of June 22 '48, or any thing which the Board did at Hartford. I was charged with trying to induce the Choctaw mission to exclude all slave-holders from their churches, & that I threatened, &c, if they did not, when I was there 7 years ago, five months before the letter of June 22 was written. My denial had reference to this charge. My mission was one of inquiry, not of power. I did, indeed, intimate my own opinion in regard to admitting slaveholders to the church, which was in accordance with the letter of June 22, '48. This matter has been grossly perverted. Nothing is taken back. Yours &c S. B. Treat.

Miss. House Boston

Feb. 15, 1855.

Rev. A. Bliss

Corydon Pa. Dear Brother.

I have the letter which you sent, dated Jan. 27, & propose to use a part of it for our next Extra Journal — i.e. for the March Concert. I have thought it might be well for you to give a fuller account, which I may use in the Herald. Begin with the Sabb. meeting, & come down to the present time; & speak also of the no. added to the church first & last. What say you?

I am glad to have your opinion of Mr Pierce, & think so in opinion too. I agree with you in regard to educating Indians. The same doctrine is good for the rest of the world, as a general thing. Kindest regards to Mrs B. Truly yours S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston,

Feb. 18. 1855.

Rev. Wm. Shirley

Schodack Landing N.Y.

Dear Brother

In reply to yours of Feb. 5, I will say that you had better send the box to the Miss. House, Boston as soon as may be, and we will forward it. And if you will send the order to Mr. Gordon, he will send you the money.

Kind regards to Mrs. B.

Truly yours

S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
Feb. 15. 1855.

Rev. C. C. Copeland,
Choctaws.

Dear Brother,

Yours of Dec. 13 I duly received. Grieved sorry to hear of your illness & also of Mrs. C. I trust you are both restored by this time. The Lord grant that it may be so!

The music I have given to Mr Tomlinson, that he may forward it to you. I presume it is well on the way to the Choctaw land.

The Com^ee have done nothing as yet in reference to the questions. We are embarrassed by the position in which the mission have placed us. Kind regards to Mrs C. Yours tr.

S. B. Treat

Mis. House, Boston
Feb. 15. 1855

Mis. House, Boston
Feb. 15. 1855

Mr J. H. Chamberlain,
Chickasaw [illegible]

Dear Brother:

I have not acknowledged your favor of Nov 27. I have not forgotten it. I read it with interest, as I do what ever you write in reference to your school.

I am sorry that the school question is just as it is. The refusal of the mission to have our letter go to the Council, was a very novel proceeding & it embarrasses the whole subject. I do not know what the Council will do. We shall probably write to the mission soon.

Kind regards to all. Yours &c.
S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
Feb. 15. 1855

Rev. J. Edwards.
Choctaw Mission.

Dear Brother,

Your favor of Jan. 4 is before me; but in my manifold labors I must reply somewhat briefly.

1. In relation to expenses, I need not say much. You will endeavor to be economical, & then we doubt & we do not mean to ask any thing which is unreasonable. If there are extra expenses which you cannot meet, the Com. I presume, will make a special allowance with cheerfulness.

2. Mrs. Ws taking a second young lady to your station, was unexpected to me; but as I did not know it till just before she started on her return, & I supposed that you all had an understanding in the matter, I raised no question. I do not now know what the plan is. Can you tell me?

3. If you can get suitable labor from the north, we are very willing to incur the expense of the journey to the Choctaw station. Should Miss B's brother promise to supply such help as you need, you are at liberty to get him, paying the expenses of the journey.

I am sorry to hear of Mrs. E's continued ill health. May the Lord restore her perfectly!

Kindest regards to her, Mrs. W. & all with you.

Fraternally yours
S. B. Treat

Rev. S. A. Worcester,
Cherokee Mission.

Miss. House, Boston
Feb. 15. 1855

Rev. G. Rockwood
Miscarried. —

Dear Brother.

I have your favor of Jan. 8, a part of which you will see in the Mis'y Herald. I should be very glad to hear from Miss Peck in regard to her school. Will she not oblige me in this respect?

I hear nothing as to the vacant place at Mr Hoyt's. Is it filled? Miss [illegible] would like to know. If you have found the right person, I shall rejoice.

I hope to receive good tidings from your people. Shall I be disappointed? May the Lord bless them greatly. Kind regards to all.

Truly yours
S. B. Treat

Mission House, Boston
Feb. 15, 1853.

Rev. S. A. Worcester,
Cherokee Mission.

Dear Brother.

Yours of Jan. 9, is received. I had hoped that the "dog" was not "mad," that some fears which have been expressed in the papers, had less foundation than they seem to have. Still I think there is very little reason to apprehend any bad result. You have our prayers that the Lord may give you length of days. May it be so!

Mr Palmer is quite anxious to go to the Cherokee nation; & I believe his wife wishes to go. I have a strong suspicion that you might have difficulty with her. They would be glad to live at Fairfield; next to that, I suppose, they would like to be at Dwight. Now would either place be wise? And what better could you do? She would not be willing, would she? to be stowed away in some quiet retreat, where her influence would be nil. She would wish to be at some station, or some place where she would have intercourse with others, where she might make trouble. There is that in the recent history of your mission, which teaches us caution. Some things had better be undone. I am afraid Mr Willey's return is one of them. Providence seemed to shut us up to this result. I fear her health will be poor. Had we known all in that regard, I doubt whether we should have sent them.

I do not remember the ~~statement~~ to which you refer. We supposed they that the Mission may agree with us in regard to keeping up the schools on their present basis, & that they were willing that we should address the Council on the subject. How they would look upon that particular letter, we could not have known at that time, because they had had no time to communicate their joint opinion. Some, I know, approved the letter; & I thought a majority would do so, when it should be considered by them all. We are in a "bad fix" at present; & I do not see precisely how we shall escape from it. The great work of missions appears to be in some jeopardy, so far as it is connected with the Board.

I am heartily sick of this slavery question. If I could escape from it, I should do so with the greatest alacrity. There is no end to our troubles, so far as I can see. We are attacked on all hands, & misrepresented on all hands. We cannot answer our assailants for many reasons; & hence we must let them do their mischievous work. I am sorry that this is true in more directions than one. The amount of funds which we do is diminished in this way; the development of the missionary spirit is greatly hindered. This is clear to my mind. What shall be done?

Have this moment heard from Mr. Anderson. Dec. 30. near Bombay. The Lord prospers him.

Christian salutations to Mrs W. & Miss Hall, & all the rest.

Most fraternally yours, S. B. Treat

Mis. Home Boston
Feb. 10. 1855

Rev. S. Hall, —
Sauk Rapids. M. T.

Dear Brother

Your favor of Nov 15 I have read with great pleasure, not that I liked to hear of your trials; but I was glad to know where you were, & what you proposed for yourself & family during the winter & onward, if the Lord will. I have always felt a good deal of interest in Sauk Rapids, & I rejoice that you are there. I think that the place is destined to grow; & you will find it an interesting field of labor. True, there will be hard work, & some things which are not so desirable. But we have almost nothing just as we would choose. God gives us our portion, as it pleases him; & therewith we should be content.

I have my trials, & would gladly exchange places with many a country minister. This slavery question is a constant perplexity. And I see no end to it. We are assailed on all hands, & shall be, so long as we have the matter in hand. But the Lord has laid this burden on us; & we must bear it till we have our discharge.

Please to assure Mrs H. your daughter & of my continued interest in them.

Fraternally yours

S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
Feb. 15, 1855

Mr. C. Pulsifer,
Ojibwa.

Dear Sir.

I am much obliged to you for your letter of Nov. 30, which was a long time in reaching me. I trust Mr. Stuart has before this done what was needful in regard to the [illegible], & informed you. It must be confessed, however, that all things move very slow at Washington, except wickedness.

I hope that ere this you are quite well, & that all associated with you are in good health. From your silence, I infer that Mrs. P. is well. The climate seems to suit her on the whole.

In my last letter, I spoke of the [illegible] [illegible]. If you need $350 you can expend that amount. I hope you will recover for your loss on Lake Huron. I doubt not the claim is good.

Your request in regard to the Recorder & the Almanacs has been attended to.

Please to assure Mrs. P. & all your fellow laborers of my continued interest in them. Give to Henry Paul's message to Archippus at the end of Colossians. The Lord be with you all.

Affectionately yours,

S. B. Treat

Missn. House, Boston
Feb 19th. 1850.

Mr. Allen Wright
N. Y. Theol. Sem.

Dear Brother.

I have just received yours of Feb. 16 & hasten to reply.

1. Miss Barker is at New Haven, Ct. I suppose. I wrote to her recently, as in that city, to the care of Charles Ball Esq. If you address her in the same way, you will get an answer.

2. You are misinformed as to the case of the Indian preacher in Canada. We have never refused to release him; & he has never asked to be released. As to his debts I will not write particularly, as it is not important to the matter in hand.

3. We have a rule which forbids our appointing a native preacher, however able & devoted, a missionary in form. There are reasons for this rule which I need not explain at length.

But we have no rule which prevents our aiding a native brother, who is fitted for usefulness in connection with our missions, in returning to his people; & such an one we are always glad to see engaged in active labor, at our expense in whole or in part, if there shall be good reasons for it.

To illustrate my meaning. We are willing to send an Armenian brother to Constantinople at our expense, if he will engage in the missionary work under the general direction of our mission; & being employed

in this work he would receive such aid from us as he & the mission should decide to be fit & proper

Take your own case. It will be a matter of great satisfaction to us to have you return to the Choctaw nation as a preacher of Christ. If you shall need assistance, the Com. I have no doubt will pay the expenses of your journey. When you shall have arrived there, we shall be glad to have you enter into communication with the mission, & with them agree upon a field of labor, just as Mr Hobbs did. If you occupy such a post as the mission shall approve & they think you should receive a support from the Board, in whole or in part, we shall cheerfully pay it. True, we are anxious to have the churches sustain their own pastors. It would be pleasant to you, unquestionably to receive your salary from a Choctaw congregation. But we do not mean to press such results. We are willing to help, while it is necessary; & we are helping Pliny Fisk, you know, who labors much to our satisfaction.

If you follow out the plan here indicated, you will be a minister of Christ, & also a missionary in almost all respects. You will attend the meetings of the brethren, & deliberate with them, as one of their number. The voting will be done by them; just as the Corporate members of the Board vote; but the Honorary members are upon an equal footing in all other respects. Will not this be entirely satisfactory?

Your friend & brother in the Lord

S. B. Treat

Sec. A.B.C.F.M.

Miss. Rooms Boston

Feb 20. 1855.

Rev C. P. Cook

Thetford Vt - Dear Brother

The Com^ee have this afternoon voted you $150 additional to the $100 you have already received with perfect cordiality; they would have done so in the first instance, had we supposed you really desired it. The Treasurer's check is sent herewith.

As to suggesting your dismission, I do not remember just how the idea came out. I had no thought of crowding you off. If you had wished the question to rest awhile, I should have said, "Very well; let it rest for the present." But I am very busy, & cannot write ~~at~~ length

Affectionate regards to Mrs C. & Miss Lord

Fraternally yours S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston

Feb 20. 1855.

Rev. C. P. Teele

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Affectionate regards to Mrs. T. & Miss Lord

Fraternally yours S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston

Feb. 20. 1858

Messrs Platt & Stewart

Washington D.C. Gents.

In reply to yours of the 16th (with Mr Leopold's note) allow me to say that we do not feel justified in acceding to Mr L's proposal. At any rate, we ought to confer with Mr Wheeler in regard to the case. We have supposed that ordinarily little was had; & we still suppose so. Perhaps, however, a compromise is preferable to a lawsuit, even with the certainty of success. Mr L. can negotiate with Mr Wheeler in the premises.

Truly yours

S. B. Treat

be needful to have your ~~[illegible]~~ Hymn Book printed by the Board. Let us hear [illegible] this very point.

Rev. L. H. Wheeler, glad to be better informed.

Ojibwas – To the Same. Brother. I have a hard day. I have just learned from the Home letters of Jan 3. & Jan 8 I have received today, & as there are some matters that demand immediate attention I will reply at once, though I must be brief, of necessity, in the haste & pressure of a Com.ee day.

I am much obliged to you for the information which you give concerning the treaty & other matters; I have read it with deep interest. Portions of it I shall use for the Herald. I hope you are to see better days.

I sympathize with you in your trials. The Lord has afflicted you with sickness in your little circle. But he knows how to bind up as well as to break. He is a good master; & nothing endured for his sake can be in vain. May you find it so most richly & abundantly!

Your estimates have been considered by the Com.ee & we allow the sums which you name. The Com.ee wish me to say, however, that we shall be straitened for money without doubt before Aug. 1. '55. We expect to be in debt but would have it as small as possible. Please to help us as much as you can. They wish to know also whether it will be necessary to hire a man at $300, having the other two families? Do other brethren wish it

be needful to have your farmlets capitalized, if paid by the Board. Let us hear you on this point; for we should be glad to be better informed.

As to the La Pointe property I have a word to say. Have just learned from Mr Stewart that a patent has been issued for the land; but it can be set aside in due course of law. Mr Leopold has written to him that he has a standing offer from Austrian to buy for the property, & desired difficulty with us he will give $200 for the improvements. I have told Mr Stewart that we must confer with you that Mr L. may negotiate with you.

Now I suspect that there is nothing very friendly between Austrian and Mr L. So I would say, if you can get a title from Austrian for $4 per acre, as he offered you some time since, I think you had better close with him for 30 acres, not for the 120, unless it will be clearly for the advantage of the Board. If there is a prospect of a lawsuit at any rate, it may be best to wait. But it is better for us to pay $4 an acre than to engage in a lawsuit. If you can't arrange with Austrian, write what is best to be done. Is it best in any case to take the $200 offered by Mr Leopold?

Kindest regards to Mrs W. will with you, whom I have in constant remembrance.

Fraternally as ever yours

S. B. Treat

Miss. Home. Boston
March 1. 1855

Rev A. D. Smith D.D.
New York City

Miss. Home Boston
Feb 21. 1855.

Rev A. Wright
Albany. N.Y. Dear Bro.

For yours of the 17th I thank you. I am glad that the Baptists are beginning to open their eyes to the doings of Smith. I trust there will yet be a reaction at Alleghany, & a letter from Bro. Potter just received would seem to show that it may have begun. But he writes sadly still.

Say to Mrs W. that in the absence of the husband, it devolves upon the wife to keep us "posted up" at the Miss. House; if she can find the time & heart at all times. I shall be very happy to hear from her. The orphan experiment I wish to know all about. Kindest regards to her

with nearly reap[?] ... L. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
March 8. 1855

Rev. H. B. Smith D.D.
New York City.

Dear Brother

Yours of the 22d ult. did not reach me till the 27th — & I have been prevented by a call from answering it till this morning. The times are "out of joint." "Know-nothings" for legislators & (shall I say it) for editors! But I am glad that there are men who still know something. The article in the Evangelist was very able. It is much praised in these regions. But to your questions.

It is not safe to affirm too much in regard to Dr. Adams. Indeed, I think it is better to say nothing about his views. He seemed to be with us at the Ann. Meeting, assenting to all that we did. July 28, he assented to our letter to the Choctaw Council, which recognizes most distinctly the letter of June 22 '48 as our platform. But I fear that he is fully committed to a South Side course for the future. This will make but little difference in the Audl. Comee. however.

I suppose there are Sab-schools connected with nearly (if not quite) all the Choctaw churches. This is the general rule; though in special cases there may be exceptions.

Truly Yours, S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
March 1, 1855

Lewis Tappan, Esq.
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Sir,

In your letter of Feb. 19, you renew ~~your~~ the application made in your letter of Jan. 20, for a specification of the charges in the American Missionary which I regard as "most untrue." Were I to accede to your wishes, a protracted correspondence would be very likely to ensue, for this I have neither time nor taste. I respectfully decline, therefore, a compliance with your request.

Your admission that you had seen the Religious Herald of Nov. 23 before you wrote your letter to the Nonconformist fills me with surprise. And I must say, in all frankness, that it increases my repugnance to prolonging this correspondence. Our ideas of Christian fairness & courtesy are widely different.

Respectfully yours

S. B. Treat

result is that we shall [illegible] Mr. Wood to the station, that [illegible] a better condition. He will start in 10 days. The Comee will sanction the step next [illegible] Brother.

Now I wish you to consider Your letters of Jan. 18 & 30. I have read with very great [illegible]; & that part of them which describes Mrs. Hobbs' labors has affected me deeply. I would gladly relieve her, if possible; but it is the most difficult thing in the world to get such a woman as you want; & then we have no opportunity to send her. True, I shall speak of Mr. Wood's wife presently but he goes on the shortest possible notice, with all speed, & we have not time to get a female ready to accompany him.

You are at liberty to make any reasonable amount of effort at our expense to relieve Mrs. Hobbs. It does seem to me that there must be some one, to aid her. I have supposed that changes would take place in the mission which would meet your wants; but it seems that there are none as yet.

And this leads me to another point. What shall you do? In answer to this inquiry, which I have considered for some time, let me state how the case stands. We are greatly embarrassed by the course of the mission. We have discussed the matter in Comee — the

result is that we shall [illegible] the Mr Wood to the nation. [illegible] they may [illegible] better condition. He will start in some 10 days. The Com[illegible] will sanction the step next Tuesday, [illegible].

Now I wish you to confer with [illegible] as to the points which [illegible] have [illegible] once. He has been a missionary, & he will appreciate your position. He can advise you better than I can at this distance.

I desire also that you will second his efforts in adjusting matters. Those who sympathize with us, may aid him materially. I trust all will do it. Please to confer with Mr Lansing & others, so that you may act together.

I take it for granted that you will be present at the meeting which will be held. Probably Mr Wood will call upon you, on his way to the Cherokee mission. I should like to do so very much.

Kindest regards to Mrs. Hartley: also to John Hotopkin, if still with you.

Fraternally

yours

S B Treat

Missionary [illegible], [illegible] Boston [illegible]

Rev. Mr C. [illegible]

[illegible]

Dear Brother.

I wrote my letter of Dec. 23, without a full knowledge of the actual course of events among you during the autumn; & hence I was obliged to speak very indefinitely. Having no satisfactory account of the state of things, amid doubtful reports, I did not know what to say. But I felt confident that, with their accessible means of information, the Com. would not feel authorized to commence any new station. This was written without intending to imply any the least want of confidence in Mr H. or yourself. The expression in reference to your leaving the mission was made only because of what you had written. From the tenor of your letters, I have supposed you might wish to retire from the Choctaw nation, — I wished to assure your mind as to the liberality of the Comee to an old & laborious missionary, in case you did wish to leave.

But you will ask what is to be done now. We have received fuller information, but our embarrassment is not relieved. Indeed, if you had aimed to place us in a most embarrassing position, you could not have done so more effectually. I do not suppose for a moment that any one had such design; but the fact is, for

all that our situation is very trying. What is the done, is the question of questions. The honor of Christ & the progress of the missionary work, are intimately concerned.

In these circumstances we have concluded to send Bro. Wood, our Mat. V. Lee, formerly a missionary, to see & confer with you. He is an excellent brother, & I am sure you will all like him, & I hope he will be able to agree with you as to some plan which shall solve the problem. I trust you & Mrs H. will welcome him. He knows your trials; & he has a warm heart.

Affectionate regards to Mrs H.

Most truly yours

S. B. Treat

Miss. Home Boston
March 3. 1855.

Rev C. Kingsbury,
Choctaws. Dear Brother

The hymn book, I believe, is fairly out of the woods. I suppose it is now in the binder's hands. We shall despatch it as soon as possible. I do not know how much Allen was in fault in the early proofreading. It took some time to get proofs back. Lately the matter has gone better.

Your requests made by letter of Jan. 5. will be attended to.

Have good news for you. We are going to send Bro. Wood. N.Y. Sec. to your mission to confer with you in regard to the school question, slavery &c. This you will like. Regards to all.

Truly yours &c S.B. Treat

Rev. G. W. Wood
New York City

Dear Brother

I sent word to you yesterday, that the Com^ee agreed to the plan of sending Mr Smith & yourself to the Choctaw mission. Mr Adams came in rather late, & so was not in the vote. The rest liked the proposition very much. They think it very desirable that Mr S. should accompany you, not from any want of confidence in you, but because of the great importance of the subject which you will have in charge, & of their belief that from his position he may be of great service in working out the problem. We could not find a better man for such a mission.

The more I think over the matter, the more I am impressed with the desirableness of his going. I shall have strong hopes that he & you together will get us out of this slough, in some way. In some respects he can do more than an officer of the Board. He will not be identified with the Com^ee. He can act as a sort of Mediator; You cannot do this. His words, in certain contingencies, will have special weight. He can speak for the churches, knowing how they stand related to the question, with peculiar fitness & propriety.

I imagine that Mr S. would find much to interest him in such a tour. He will become

well acquainted with [illegible]
analogy & inference with [illegible] which you
will [illegible]. But you will find much among the Choctaws to
interest you. You will see the Cherokees also. The
weather will be mild, at times warm; but you will
avoid extreme cold & heat. You will see nature
in her loveliest dress. I should hope that the
tour would be quite favorable to health.

I send herewith a copy of the Res^ns adopted yesterday. I would gladly have consulted you & Dr S. respecting them; & if they can be improved, they may be altered next Tuesday, when the minutes are approved. You will notice (1) that we give you great latitude for inquiry & discussion. We thought it not best to impose any restrictions. In such a matter we could not give the power of final adjustment; but your recommendation will have great weight. (2) The Res^ns are framed upon the idea that you may go alone. We could not assume that Dr S. will go; hence he is not mentioned till Res^n 5. If he goes, we expect him to be co-equal & coordinate with you.

If Dr S. shall need a little delay, I would give it. I think 10 weeks from N.Y. will take you to St Louis, quite easily. Nine & one eighth may do it.

When had I better visit N. Y.? I am pushing forward the April Herald, so as to be at liberty early next week.

Yours most truly & ever

S. B. Treat

Miss. Rooms, Boston,
March 7, 1853.

Mrs. H. B. Wright,
Choctaw Mission.

Dear Madam:

Your favor of Feb. 13, I have perused with very great interest. Yesterday I read it entire to the Com.ee They are desirous of doing all that they can properly in your behalf; but they feel a little embarrassed from their not having any vote of the mission.

You will remember that I spoke of this last summer. In all cases analogous to this, we like to have an expression of the views of the mission, that we may have good ground on which we can fall back, in the event of any future questioning of our acts. Your own experience in missionary matters will show you how important is such a rule.

Such are the difficulties surrounding our present relations to your mission, that the Com.ee have voted to send Mr Wood to the Choctaw nation, in order that he may have a full & fraternal conference with the brethren, & devise some way of adjusting matters to our mutual satisfaction. I hope Dr. A. Smith will go with him; but this is not settled.

As Mr Wood (& Dr S. if he goes) will set out very soon, & will meet the mission during the proposed visit, the Com.ee have committed the matter to the deputation, to confer with you & the brethren in respect

to the sum which shall be allowed. Whatever shall be agreed upon during this visit will undoubtedly be ratified by the Com^e.

I trust this disposition of the matter will meet your approval. We are anxious to do all that you ask; & we should do so at once, were it not for adhering to rules that we think it important to maintain.

You do not speak of your plans; I am sorry to hear that you are not in better health. May the Lord [illegible] give you strength to do much for his service & kingdom; above all, may he strengthen you with might.

Affectionate regards to all with you.

As ever,

Most sincerely yours,

S. B. Treat

~~Mis. Ho. Bos.~~

March 8. 1858.

Rev. G. W. Wyatt,

New York. Dear Bro.

The letter of Mrs Wright was laid before the Com. last Tuesday. It seems desirable that we have some expression from the mission of their views as the basis of our action. Hence the Com. refer the matter to the Deputation, to confer with Mrs W. & the brethren in relation thereto. Whatever course shall commend itself to your judgment, I have no doubt the Com. will approve. The feelings of Mrs W. should be regarded, & her wishes met, if practicable. I should be quite willing to allow $500.

Truly Yrs

S. B. Treat

Mission House, Boston,
March 8. 1855.

Rev. C. Kingsbury,
Choctaw Mission. Dear Brother

Your letter in reply to mine of Nov. 23 I have received, & have laid it before the Com. as also the previous one. We have devoted a good deal of time to the matter of our relations to your mission, & are greatly perplexed. Your last letter seems to me to increase the difficulty. On the whole, the Com. have concluded to send a deputation to confer with you touching the matters that need to be looked at. Mr Wood, Sec. at N.Y. & perhaps Dr A. D. Smith of New York, are excellent men, & judicious, & will compose the deputation. They will start in a few days. Kind regards to all. Fraternally yours, S. B. Treat

Miss. Home, Boston,
March 8 1855

Mr H. K. Copeland
Choctaws.— Dear Brother Yours
of Jan 11 – is before me. We are greatly embarrassed by the state of the question to which you refer; we have concluded to send a deputation consisting of Mr Wood, Mr N. G. Lee & perhaps Dr A B Smith. N. Y. to confer with the mission. I hope that they will be able to devise some plan whereby we can be delivered from our trying position. Trust you will do what you can to further their object.

Kindest regards to Mrs C.

Yours very truly

S. B. Treat

Mis. Home, Boston
March 8 1855

Rev C. C. Copeland
Mt Pleasant. — Dear Brother.

I can only announce in this letter the fact that you may expect a visit from a deputation, Mr Wood, our Sec. at N.Y. & perhaps Mr. N. D. Smith, of New York. This step is taken by the Com. because of the difficulty in which we find ourselves placed in relation to the boarding schools, &c &c. We think that a fraternal conference will do much more than letters in bringing matters into a proper adjustment. I hope that you will do what you can to aid the deputation. Kind regards to all, &c

Yours very [illegible] S. B. Treat

Mission House Boston
March 6. 1855

Rev O. P. Stark
Choctaws — Dear Brother

I have time only to announce the fact that you may expect very soon a visit from Mr Wood, & Mr N. Y. Lee, & perhaps from Dr. A. B. Smith also. The Com. are perplexed by the state of our relations to our mission; the deputation desires to be the most likely means of adjusting matters to the satisfaction of all concerned. I trust you will give such aid in the premises as you can consistently. You may expect the visit very soon.

Kind regards to all

Fraternally yours S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston

March 6 1855

Mr A. G. Lansing

Choctaws. — Dear Brother

I send this note to apprise you that the Com. are to send a deputation to your mission to confer with you in respect to the boarding schools & [illegible] on. Mr Ward our N. Y. Sec. & perhaps Dr A. B. Smith of New York, will go on this errand. Both are admirably qualified for the work. I hope you will do all in your power to effect the best solution of the difficulty. Whatever course these brethren shall recommend, in view of all the facts, I hope you will approve & support.

Kind regards to Mrs L.

Yours truly S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston,

March 9. 1855.

Rev. G. W. Wood

New York. Dear Bro.

I have read the N. Y. Observer, & your proposed reply to Rev. Dr. Pomeroy. He thinks you may as well publish the answer, as matters are; I am of a different opinion. (1) You will gain nothing with Prime; for he has the last word. (2) You may possibly disturb the Choctaw brethren; though I should hope not. As you are going on a mission of peace & conciliation, it is not best to run much risk.

I have not time to enlarge; but having stated our differing opinions, we leave the case with you.

Yours &c. &c.

S. B. Treat

Mis. House Boston

Mission House, Boston

Miss H. F. Gould

March 12. 1855.

Rev. J. Edwards

Philad. Pa. Dear Sir & Brother

I have received yours of Feb. 14, & regret to learn that the health of Mrs Edwards is so poor. I hope the journey will have benefitted her, & that her sojourn at the north will restore her wholly. Please give my kindest regards to Mrs E.

The Hymn book is printed at length & a part of it will leave this week for the Choctaw Nation. Your earlier coming might have secured greater accuracy. Allen Wright, however, has read the proofs.

Shall I not see you in Boston at no distant day? It would give me much pleasure to see Mrs E. also.

Most lovingly yours S. B. Treat

Miss. Rooms Boston
March 12. 1855

Miss H. F. Gould
Newburyport, Ms.

Dear Miss G.

As Mr Hale is laid aside from his labors by deafness, the notes which you sent to him, with the poetical offerings, have come into my hands. I herewith send $10; & I hope that you will continue to favor us with your pieces, as you have done heretofore.

Very respectfully
Yours

S. B. Treat

If I read one sentence in your [illegible] of [illegible]
Acton contains English [illegible] [illegible]? I
[illegible] Rev. S. [illegible] suggest that the Acton was not your
& [illegible] — did he remove to [illegible]?

I notice what Dear Brother regard to polygamy.
The result must be satisfactory. I have to acknowledge
the receipt of your letters of Jan: 11, Jan 20 & Jan
26. In reference to the [illegible] let me say first that
I have directed a small [illegible] [illegible] to be
sent by our [illegible] when you need a larger one,
we shall be very happy to increase the [illegible]
in this regard.

I am surprised at the stir which the [illegible]
occasions. It may be well that it is so; for I am
not sure but [illegible] is right. But it must
be rather trying to the patience. Doing good, however,
is an up-hill business, the world over. So the Lord
has ordained; & it is well.

I am quite sure that I said nothing about
furnishing boards gratuitously to the [illegible]. I had
no such thought in my head; it would be against
our general policy. You spoke of sawing for the [illegible],
or of letting them use the mill, but I understood that
to [illegible] at least to be [illegible] [illegible] in the [illegible]. I
never dreamed of a general [illegible] of boards & [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] to them as a [illegible].

[illegible] to hear that "the party of progress" are
going ahead. I shall wish to know how they succeed.
Let me know how each & all are doing. Give them my
Christian salutations.

If I read one sentence in your letter correctly, you say, "Mr Acton continues English school in the afternoon." I have not before heard that Mr Acton was with you. Is this so? When did he remove to Hayhood?

I notice what you say in regard to polygamy. The result must be satisfactory to all, I think. I have not heard from Mr W. on this subject.

As a general thing, I am in favor of separate churches at missionary stations. There is less danger of friction; & the feeling of individual responsibility is greater in such a case. I do not know what would be best in your circumstances. Should wish to gratify Mr W. if practicable.

It seems to me to be quite clear that your [illegible]-gaon-parle church should be on a different basis. Now it is a church 25 miles away from a missionary, the members widely scattered, moreover. It should be either reorganized at your station, or united with Mr W's. Unless there are special reasons for the latter course, I should be in favor of adopting the former. You will see Mr Anderson's letter in the Herald. He goes for a "colony" at Ahmednuggur, i.e. for 2 churches & 2 native pastors. You are not quite so far ahead.

Affectionate regards to Mrs. W. & the children & all with you.

Most fraternally

Yours

S. B. Treat

Aker Ware Bost[illegible]

March 13. 55

Rev S R Riggs
Dakota Dear Bro.

I send you in common [illegible] the box for your mission a bundle of books from a few Friends. Please to present them with my Christian regards. You will also find 20 yards of cloth for pants. Cut off a pattern for yourself & Dr. W. & Joseph, who gave me the moccasins; & dispose of the rest for the good of Missions & the honor of Christ

Yours Tru[ly]

L. B. Lade

New York March 15, 1855

To the Choctaw Mission

Dear Brethren

I beg leave to introduce to your personal acquaintance & fraternal regard Rev G. W. Wood, one of our Secretaries, whom the Prud. Comm^ee have requested to visit you for the purpose of conferring with you in reference to topics of common interest. Mr Wood was for many years one of our best missionaries, & he has the entire confidence of the Prud. Com^ee. I have no doubt that you will find him a kind & sympathising brother; & I only ask that you will make his sojourn among you as pleasant as was mine in Feb. 1848.

In respect to the matters which will come before you for consideration, I will only say that we attach very great importance to them; & we earnestly hope, & it is also our fervent prayer, that divine wisdom may be given you in all your deliberations. The mission of Mr. Wood is a mission of peace & love.

Most Affectionately,
your brother in the gospel,

S. B. Treat
Sec. A. B. C. F. M.

Miss. Rooms Boston
March 19. 1858.

Rev. Wm Hall
West Randolph Vt.

Dear Brother

Yours of the 13th Inst received. I was glad to get your word in regard to Allegheny matters; but as you do not wish your letter to be considered "public property", I will return it to Bro. Wright.

I have endeavored to exert a little influence with the Mass. Sab. School Soc. in regard to an agency. But they have an agent already, & do not wish to appoint another in your State. I presume you did not desire an appointment elsewhere.

I have always regretted your leaving us. I yielded to your wishes; but I should have preferred to go on as in the olden time. It may be better for you personally; but the mission has gained nothing.

Please to assure Mrs Hall & the children of my continued pastoral interest in them.

As ever, most truly
your friend & fellow
laborer

S. B. Treat

lating the Scriptures, that [illegible] Bible Soc. to pay us! [illegible] Rev. A. Wright [illegible] all the relief which [illegible] Senecas. —

Dear Brother

Have your notes of March 6 &c., also Mrs Wright's of March 1. Please to thank her for her full communication. I read it with much interest. I put a meagre notice of the schools in the Herald; & I believe a part of the copy which I sent to the office, was omitted for want of space. I was obliged to go to N. Y. March 13; hence I do not know precisely what is printed. I shall be glad to hear from her frequently.

Mr Hall has written to me, expressing his regret that you have sent me his letter. To relieve his mind, I return it to you. I am glad to know just how he looks at Allegany matters. I must confess, however, that I feel troubled by the state of things there. The Baptists are a peculiar people: they are having a strange & painful meeting of their foreign miss. Soc. at N. Y. One of their Secretaries has resigned; & I would have done so, in his circumstances. They are a radical sect, & are willing to overthrow & tear up, & so.

Can you not, while at home, make out a statement of Parker's labors in trans-

taking the Printing, that we may with this Bill Sec. to pay us! As our funds are falling short, we want all the relief which we can have.

Are not the school bills in some danger from the shortness of the session? The 100 days are fast running out. I know how it was last year; & I have some solicitude now. But you know better than I do. It would be a pity to lose all the labor you have expended on the [illegible] and what will be next year, no one can tell. Perhaps we shall not have the same advantages again

Kindest regards to all at your Station

As ever, most truly

Yours

L. B. Fenby

Miss. Rooms Boston
March 20. 1855.

To the Choctaw Mission

Dear Brethren.

The hymn books are coming out to Mr Tomlinson's care; & I have given him the plan of distribution which you adopted many months ago. We have learned lately, however, that we should not send all at once; lest some accident should prevent their reaching you. He will send, therefore, one half of the edition now, & the other half next fall. He will follow your plan of distribution.

This edition may be called "Benoni," for it has occasioned not a little trouble; but I trust it will be blessed all the more to your churches. For this let us pray!

Fraternally yours S. B. Treat

Miss. Rooms Boston
March 20. 1855.

Rev. S. C. Kenney,
Cherokees — Dear Brother.

Our relations to the Choctaw mission have become so much involved, by reason of the slavery question, that the Pud. Com. have concluded to send Mr Wood, our N. Y. Sec. to confer with those brethren personally. He will return through your mission, & spend a few days among you; & he will consider any questions that may call for a special notice. Probably you will meet him at a meeting.

I commend him to you & Mrs. K. as a brother greatly beloved. He was once a missionary. Kindest regards & c.

R. Very truly yours S. B. Treat

Mis. Home Boston
March 20. 1855

Rev. H. A. Wentz
Cherokees. -

Dear Brother

Your
favor of Feb 20 have duly rec'd.
I should wait for the letter alluded
am led to expect, from what you say,
were it not that I wish to apprise
you that our N.Y. Sec. Rev G. W.
Wood, will visit you in a few weeks.
He had started for the Choctaw mission,
& will return via Cherokee land. The
slavery question is the immediate cause
of the going. He will probably confer
with you on the general subject, as
also on others. I commend him to
you as a brother beloved.

Very truly yours S. B. Treat

Mis. House Boston

March 20. 1855.

Rev. C. C. Copeland,

Choctaws. — Dear Brother.

Yours of Feb. 14. I have read with care. As Mr Wood is to visit you immediately (he left yesterday, I suppose) it is not necessary to discuss the points presented in your letter. I will only say that I am surprised that any one should suppose that I sent a copy of our letter for the Council to the mission to be discussed & acted upon. My letter to the mission, as also mine to Mr W. accompanying it, will show that I had no such thought. It seemed courteous to the mission that they should have on file a copy of such a letter as ours to the Council, that it might be accessible at any future time. That was all that I intended by sending it. Truly yours S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston,
March 20. 1855

Rev W. Willey,
Chero Nat. — Dear Brother.

I have heard of your arrival in the Cherokee country, but nothing more. I have hoped to hear from you as to location, & perhaps a letter is now on the way.

The Prud. Com.ee have concluded to send Mr. Wood, our N.Y. Sec. to the Choctaw mission, that he may have a personal conference with the brethren in reference to the slavery question. He will take your country in his route to St Louis; so that you may expect to see him about May 1. He may meet you at a meeting. I have no doubt you will be glad to see him. Truly Yours S.B. Treat

Kind regards to Mrs. W.

Miss. House Boston
March 24 1858.

Chs. H. Stewart Esq
New York City.

Dear Sir

Yours of the 20th I have just recd. I have sent by telegraph this answer, "Conclude with him, holding him by your terms." I trust you will have recd. this reply in due time. I hope you will make Austrian compensate you for your trouble.

How is the Osage matter advancing? Can we not bring it to some result at an early day?

Truly yours

S. B. Treat

Miss. Home Boston
March 29. 1858

Mr. E. Lathrop
Norwich City. Ct. Dear Sir.

Your favor of March 10, I laid before the Comm^ee yesterday; they voted to release yourself & wife from your connection with the Board in accordance with your request. And it gives us great pleasure to say that nothing has ever come to our knowledge tending in the slightest degree to impair our confidence in you as fellow-laborers in a common work & object.

Please to assure Mrs. L. of my affectionate regard. And I earnestly pray that the blessing of the Great Missionary may be with you evermore.

Fraternally yours
S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston,
March 22, 1850.

Rev. S. A. Worcester,
Cherokees.—

Dear Brother

Your favor of Feb. 6, with the accompanying papers, was duly received; & I thank you for them. Verily, the race of "unreasonable men" (not to say wicked) is not likely to die out very soon. There are a "few" at least at both ends of the line. Here we have the N. Y. Observer's editorial corps & Lewis Tappan, who represent the extreme right & the extreme left. With you there are such men as Dr Ross, & certain mere retailers of news. Such men appear to have a vocation of a peculiar sort. They are a "regulators" after a very rough pattern. I hope that you & we shall be beyond their reach one day.

In speaking on this subject, let me say that you may expect to be visited at an early day by Mr Wood, our N. Y. Sec. The slavery question among the Choctaws has taken such a shape that it has seemed best to the Prud. Com.ee to send a deputation to the mission, for the purpose of freely conferring with it as to the points involved. Bro. Wood has been a missionary, a most valuable one; & he knows how to sympathize with his brethren. He will be loved by you all.

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[illegible] may with [illegible] you [illegible] of
the result of his conference with the Choctaw
mission shall be, that a friendly separation is in-
expedient. You will doubtless wish to [illegible]
you to the pros & cons affecting & bearing upon this
in a course in your case.

I will not anticipate his returning with you. I will just say, however, that if the Choctaw mission shall go into other hands, it does seem on some accounts desirable that we should give up our Cherokee operations to others. We can never have peace so long as we have your mission. This is becoming more & more obvious. I have no doubt that you can make a presentation of your views that will satisfy the mass of our friends & patrons. Still we shall always be assailed while we have a mission in the Cherokee country; & this is not at all for comfort or edification. Nor will it aid the missionary cause, but hinder it rather.

I know not what the practical difficulties may be; but I see that there will be some. And many will regret the termination of our work among the Cherokees, even for any reason. It would be very annoying to give up the mission, were it not for a greater good to be secured.

this office until just now. It is possible that you [illegible] be as sharply [illegible] in your meeting as [illegible] held here now (or even more so), I nevertheless feel that our course as a Board was more easy rather than it has been, & so far forth we should rejoice.

You will say that this is not a pleasant theme. I grant it, & I refer to it only that you may have some idea of what may come before your mind when Mr W. arrives at Park Hill. The truth is, I am heartily sick of the slavery question; & I see no end to the agitation & trouble which it is to create. And every public & national convention dashes its waves against the Board. "Is it not best," I ask myself, "to place ourselves beyond its influence?" "Is it desirable that we should be forever kept in these [illegible] waters?" But I did not intend to say so much. Mr W. can talk, which is far better than writing.

I have been surprised to find that slaves are hired at Dwight. If the fact were known, it would give us trouble. I supposed, moreover, that that question was settled long ago. How is it?

I saw Mr Greene not long since, & talked with him about Dr Palmer. He did not think well of his returning to the Cherokees. I was glad to get his impressions in the case.

The Com^tee have authorized the Treasurer to pay the expenses of John to Vermont. They did it with great cheerfulness.

Have heard nothing in regard to the operation of Mr. Willy. He has accomplished his undertaking, after a most [illegible] progress. Alas! the world is not converted yet; & with such imperfect instruments as we see the consummation must long tarry. The wonder is, that any thing can be done with such agencies.

Kindest regards to Mrs W. Miss Hall & all your family.

Very lovingly & fraternally

Yours

S. B. Treat

whom Mr. [illegible] and [illegible] there; ~~[illegible]~~ [illegible]
your name, in the belief that ~~[illegible]~~ may be
~~[illegible]~~ [illegible] of days. But at [illegible] again
~~[illegible]~~ [illegible] journal [illegible] for reading
assigned, it was not [illegible] to make a statement
that I would be put the [illegible]; [illegible] of Feb.
6. [illegible] with some [illegible]. [illegible]
to have [illegible] the matter of the Jan. Herald before;
but it was [illegible] to see that in the [illegible]
any unpleasant feeling would be [illegible]. Perhaps
I should have expressed myself more [illegible] in
respect to the [illegible] of [illegible]. But I supposed that
our past relations were such that you would allow
me to speak in all frankness. I have never felt any
feelings toward you save those of kindness; I think you
will see some evidence of this in my letter of Jan. 6.
You will bear me witness that your leaving the
mission has not been of my seeking; but I have only
yielded to your often expressed wishes.

Why then was your name omitted in the Jan. Herald.
You remember that the mission in Sept. recommended
to the Board to employ Mr. [illegible] and Knight to take charge
of the secular affairs. This we supposed to be according to
your wish; and we adopted the plan. It was only on
this supposition that we did so. We also concluded that
the arrangement would take effect soon. The question
then arose, "How shall the names in the Herald be arranged?"
[illegible] now by [illegible] & Knight, it would be proper that
their names should be put down as there." But what shall
be done with the names of Mr. and Mrs. H.? They are to leave
[illegible]

other appointees. One for those; except it seemed best to omit your name, in the belief that this arrangement may be consummated at an early day. But as reason is given as there had been no formal dissolution for reasons assigned, it was not easy to make a statement that should be just the thing; at least in the haste of preparing the Manual for Jan. You know Dr Anderson is away & Mr Hale, our Editor is sick [illegible], with consumption, we fear of now a confirmed case. If the narrative is not satisfactory, let me say that doing any thing disrespectful to you was the furthest thing from my thoughts; & if I have injured your feelings, I humbly ask your pardon for my oversight.

In regard to the kind of spelling, let me say that we are constantly watched & hampered by this general question. The course of politics keeps up agitation in our churches. Having a constant warfare to maintain, even in the most favorable circumstances, we do ask that our missionaries shall relieve our position as much as they may, not only to lessen our burdens, but for the honor of Christ. The missionary cause has suffered much from this agitation, which is often unreasonable, & spent. Ought we not to be willing to do all in our power to prevent strife? My dear Sir, you have not been in this furnace, as I have; else I am sure you would think it best to take away occasions for objection, ~~[illegible]~~ whenever you could.

I am not quite sure whether you wish to be released at once from your connection with us; hence I am embarrassed in writing. This much I will say, however. Whenever another shall take your place, in accordance with the plans of the mission, you may consider yourself as having rec'd an honorable discharge. Truly yours S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston

March 22 1855.

Mr J. Hitchcock

Cherokees. — Fl. Bear Cr.

In my note of yesterday I said nothing in respect to your allowance [from the] Board. I do not know what you may have said to the treasurer, or what you may wish. In the absence of any understanding between you & him, I presume he will pay the money whenever you desire it.

I will not take a formal leave of you & Mrs H. just now. I shall doubtless hear from you again, & shall have occasion to reply. It makes us sad to be disconnected from those who have so long labored under the Board. But such separations are often necessary. We are all travelling on to the city which hath foundations. The Lord take us safely there! 'Tis all that any one can ask.

Kind regards to Mrs Hitchcock. Yours in Xt S. B. Treat

Miss. Home Boston

March 22 1855

Miss Lucina Palmer
Brighton, N.Y.

Dear Miss P.

I have at length received a letter from the Tuscarora mission, which settles the question in regard to your going there. I have repeatedly written; they have been kept in suspense by the indecision of others. Now they find that a Miss Smith is going to their relief. Of course your services will not be needed. I had hoped to know something definite in regard to our Seneca schools; but every thing changes. We await the action of the N.Y. legislature; that is uncertain.

Very truly Yours,

S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
March 22, 1855

Rev. Leonard H. Wheeler
Lake Superior.

Dear Brother

Yesterday I rec'd a letter from Mr Stuart, with a note of introduction from you to him in behalf of Austrian, &c. Mr. S. reported a proposition for the adjustment of our claim, by which we are to receive $300; & there is to be "a free gift of the Church."

It was necessary to decide at once in regard to the business; & as we supposed you would favor that plan, from your letter of introduction to Mr S.; & as we dislike a long controversy, we concluded to accept the terms. The matter is settled, therefore, on this basis.

I do not know whether Austrian or Leopold will want any writing or conveyance from us. We might give a quit-claim deed, if desired, whenever the $300 are paid. But if they say nothing about it, it is not necessary for us to move in the matter. Silence may be the wisest course, unless they break it.

Kind remembrances to Mrs. W. & all.

Very sincerely yours

S. B. Treat

expediency of my writing to the N.Y. Observer. They are all against it. They say "Have nothing to do with Mr. Prime." The paper has lost ground in New England within a few weeks.

Please to return the ...

Truly yours S. B. Treat.

Miss. Home Boston
March 22 '58

Rev. C. W. Wood,
Choctaw County. —

Dear Brother

Since I saw you I have received a letter from C. C. Copeland, in which he gives a strange reason for the course which the mission pursued in regard to my letter for the Council. As I sent it to the mission, he supposed that the mission had a right to dispose of it, & say what should be done with it. But my letter to the mission, accompanying the letter, showed that I had no such thought; & my letter to Mr Kingsbury indicated the same thing most clearly. The truth is, they wanted to do what they have done, & now look around for the best reason therefor.

I have received a letter from Miss Goulding, a teacher at Pine Ridge, who has had a letter from her sister, Mrs Barton, of Syria, in regard to becoming the teacher of missionaries' children. I wish you would see her in reference to the matter; & also find out whether she would be the proper person. I have a very good opinion of her; but perhaps she is not exactly the person for Syria.

I have asked advice of our friends as to the expediency of my writing to the N. Y. Observer. They are all against it. They say, "Have nothing to do with Mr. Prime." The paper has lost ground very fast in New England within a few weeks.

Please to deliver the enclosed.

Truly yours S. B. Treat.

To the Cherokee Missions Miss. House Boston
March 22. 55

Miss H. Goulding
Cherokee. — Dear Miss G.

I received your note of Feb. &c. & as
Mr Wood will visit your station & school, I have requested him to
confer with you in reference to the points which you present. He has
been a missionary in the East; & his advice will be valuable. It will
be much better than a letter from me. I am in haste, or I would
write more at length.

Most truly yrs

S. B. Treat

[illegible] Indian Territory [illegible] 23, 1855 [illegible]

To the Cherokee Mission

Dear Brethren

[illegible]

It has seemed desirable to the Prud. Comm^ee that Mr Wood, the Sec. of the A.B.C.F.M. at New York, should visit the Choctaw mission; & he has been requested to take your stations on his return to St Louis. I desire, therefore, to commend him as "a brother beloved" to your fraternal regard; & I have no doubt you will rejoice in the opportunity of making his acquaintance. His own missionary life will enable him to enter more readily into your joys & your trials.

Mr Wood has been requested to confer with you in regard to such topics as may seem to call for an interchange of views. The knotty question of slavery, in its relations to your work, will receive his attention, I presume; for this is the wish of the Prud. Comm^ee. The large amount of property at Dwight may also raise questions for your mutual consideration. The Board is becoming more & more averse to such cumbrous arrangements. Dr. Anderson is endeavoring to reduce our secular labors & responsibilities in India, as much as possible; & they will pursue a stricter policy hereafter in this regard. I am not sure but some of the other stations have more land than we should think it best for us to have in the present state of the Cherokee nation.

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[illegible] may be [illegible] by [illegible]

[illegible]: [illegible] or [illegible] & [illegible]

[illegible]! I have [illegible]

regard to the [illegible], [illegible] and [illegible]

a few words [illegible] the Bureau, [illegible]

to the [illegible]. W. & R. are [illegible], pretty [illegible], [illegible]. W.

is [illegible]; R. not very much so. [illegible]

with Wesley. I had a plan to prevent [illegible]

[illegible], but Providence [illegible] to be against it. [illegible] of [illegible]

known [illegible] in regard to [illegible], I doubt whether the Com.

would have appointed her. She was [illegible] [illegible] in [illegible]

[illegible] to [illegible] & in traveling. Her appearance was something [illegible]

I [illegible] be [illegible]. The mission [illegible] [illegible] of

Fairfield, as I expected & [illegible]. But I learn that

he [illegible] about going there. If he would [illegible] the [illegible] of

the mission, I should not care. [illegible] may [illegible] for [illegible]

of a [illegible] [illegible] should be [illegible]; you will know [illegible]. I know

not how long it would be. I don't think he has much [illegible]

[illegible] of Mr [illegible] [illegible] but little, as [illegible] he is

about to leave. He is [illegible] by [illegible] the [illegible] of his name in

the [illegible], which I have explained to him [illegible] by a letter I

sent him on the [illegible] of [illegible] at Dwight. [illegible] that he [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible], [illegible] take his place. He has no [illegible]

about [illegible], [illegible], [illegible] upon doing so.

2. [illegible] have too much [illegible], [illegible] at Dwight, [illegible] & [illegible] Fair-

field, [illegible] for Mr Wesley to manage. I have [illegible] to get

rid of our [illegible] establishment at Dwight, but have failed.

Whatever may long have been done in [illegible] the [illegible] before this [illegible] question affair. But now there is a reason for [illegible] [illegible] can deliver us from the [illegible] [illegible] with the will. [illegible] Brother. [illegible] question does not tend towards a separation. I hope [illegible] [illegible]

I have [illegible] something on regard to the [illegible] mission; perhaps I had better write a few words regarding the Brethren, for each of you there.

1. Mr [illegible]. W. & R. are good men, pretty sure, but [illegible]. W. is anti-slavery; R. not very much so. I am out of patience with Wesley. I had a plan to prevent his return as a regular [illegible] but Providence seemed to be against it. Still if I had known all in regard to Mrs [illegible] health, I doubt whether the Com[mittee] would have appointed her. He was awfully deliberate in returning, & in starting, & in traveling. The expense was something also. I wish he were [illegible]. The mission have located him at Fairfield, as I expected & thought reasonable. But I learn that he hesitates about going there. If he would disobey the vote of the mission, I should not care. Wesley may leave soon for want of a wife, & perhaps this should be on the [illegible]; you will know best. I know not how long it should be. I don't think he has much anti-slavery feeling. Of Mr [illegible] I will say but little, as I suppose he is about to leave. He is disturbed by (1) the [illegible] of his name in the [illegible] Herald, which I have explained to him (2) by a letter I sent him on the hiring of slaves at [illegible]. I spoke that he [illegible] promised as [illegible]. In [illegible] [illegible] his [illegible]. He has no scruples about hiring slaves, & may insist upon doing so.

2. You have too much tied, i.e. at [illegible], & [illegible] at Fairfield, [illegible] [illegible] for the [illegible] & manage. I have wished to get rid of our [illegible] establishment at [illegible], but have failed. [illegible] (4) There is danger of a mission from England to Turkey.

Whatever may have been done in past [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] a cumbrous affair. And now it is a reason for [illegible] [illegible] any change as [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] will [illegible] well. Supposing the slavery question does not lead to a separation. I hope you will [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. If you can [illegible] [illegible] say that Dr. [illegible] is discontinuing our [illegible] of [illegible] labor as much as possible. This is [illegible] [illegible]. If Mr. [illegible] [illegible] & [illegible] urge his authority [illegible] little [illegible] as possible. Get the opinion of the [illegible] mission, of [illegible]. Let him [illegible] out his land or charge, [illegible] [illegible], rather than take the whole.

3. But the slavery question is the Gordian knot. If you don't succeed among the Choctaws in fixing matters in the line of a separation; & especially if there is no prospect of such a result, it is not worth while to go for it with the Cherokee brethren. In such an event, it will be well to prepare them for an expression of their views that will come as near the letter of June 22 '48 as may be. But if a separation is to take place between us & the Choctaw mission, then it is desirable that it should come in the other case. Reasons.

I. The embarrassment of the Board. 1. General. Political agitation is inevitable; some are [illegible] therein. e. g. the Kansas business. As we have all shades of opinion in the Board, it will be impossible to go on harmoniously. Alienation, strife, lessened receipts, grieving of the Spirit, must follow. [illegible] miss. [illegible] is not called upon to fight the battle of slavery. It should not be mixed up with such questions. 2. Special. There will be a difficulty in keeping the mission properly reinforced. [illegible] there is danger [illegible] a mission from England to Turkey,

On ground of certain present expenditures. The [illegible] balance of the claims made in regard to our connection with the Cherokees.

II Embarrassments of the mission. 1. No connection with us efficacy [illegible] among the people. The actions of the Council. 2. No new stations can be formed. 3. The mission may be less useful from the difficulty of getting reinforcements.

Were the stations in the hands of the O. S. Presbyterians the case would be much more hopeful for the Cherokees. They could conduct the mission more efficiently.

4. If any thing is said in reference to our not sending Mr Palmer & Mr Torrey to the mission last fall, Mr Worcester has the main reasons in my letters to him. Mr T. was appointed with a new station (probably Honey Creek) in view; & Mr. Willey was told that he could go to Fairfield (?) in the expectation that these young brethren would break new ground. After that matter was settled (i.e. that Mr. W. should return to F.) the trouble came up from the doings of the Board, there was a great stir among the Cherokees & no station could be formed, & a new law was threatened; so then Mr T. was detained, till it became clear to the Com.^ee & others that he should be taken from Stone. See my letter to Worcester.

As to Dr. P. in addition to the difficulty growing out of the excitement in the nation, he has an inadmissible wife. Then, the mission expect her to have no connection with a station; but I do not think (from Dr. P.'s letters) that he is going to live away from a station. Besides, Dr. P. wanted quite an advance of money, for horse, buggy, &c & we do not wish to increase our appropriations for any mission, if we can help it, especially in a doubtful case. Again, I have seen Mr Greene recently, & he does not think it best to send Dr. P. back to the Cherokees, on

the proceeds of certain personal effects. Wait ... for further advisement ... 1837.

Rev. S. A. Worcester asked of the Cherokee field ... Cherokee ... council ... & ... that you will come to the conclusion that it is not very desirable that we should retain the mission.

Feb. 16. You will call at both national meetings ... Bertholdi ... & ... Woolford. ... had some correspondence with ... B. in regard to his returning allowance ... he has mentioned ... You need not discuss the matter with him, unless he introduces the subject; but I wish you would gather all any facts that will bear on the question hereafter. How much property has he? How much can he lay up in his ... from year to year. Mr Worcester can give information, should ... not. It shall be confidential, if he desires it.

If you see John Ross, Mr A. Ross, & Mr Worcester remember me to them; also ... & Mrs. F.

As ever, most truly
Yours

D. Greene.

P.S. I wrote yesterday to you at ... but not ... Mr Kingsbury's care. Inquire, if you do not receive the letter.

2. P.S. The slaveholding question you will attend to ... ... in the Cherokee mission. The ... is ... towards the ... ...

are concerned, our practice. Should be [illegible] much. There are so many [illegible] & [illegible] Rev. J. A. [illegible] in conducting our work, & [illegible] [illegible] — reduce them to the lowest practicable number. There is a [illegible] economy in the world for us to [illegible] among the [illegible]. Your letter of Feb. 16. 21. 25. with the minutes of the [illegible] meeting, has been received. As to the location of [illegible], it seems strange that he should hesitate about going to [illegible], after your action. Should he decline taking that place, I hope the mission will do nothing toward a change of location simply for that reason. Unless you feel that you have made a mistake, I trust you will not recede. This disregard of the action of [illegible] a mission, we do not understand. It is not according to our ideas of missionary propriety.

I am sorry to hear that you are still afflicted in your person & family with the ills of this frail, earthly tabernacle. But I am relieved by the fact that you seem to have received no damage from the dog. You must set one thing over against another. In fact, we must often do this in regard to the changes & buffetings of life. And then we have the unfailing assurance, "All things work together for good to them that love God." This should reconcile us to all the burdens which are laid upon us.

On the hiring of slaves I will say but a word. I have called Bro. Wood's attention to it, & he may confer with you on the subject. There seems to be a case of difficulty, so far as the mission

are concerned, our position should be kept in mind. There are so many obstacles & complications to perplex & embarrass us in conducting our work, it is desirable that we reduce them to the lowest practicable number. Now it is the greatest economy in the world for us to let land among the Cherokees with slave labor. We had better give up the land, without money & without price, if it must be cultivated in that way. Some of the objections urged are often unreasonable. But we have to shape our course with reference to all admissible policy, however practicable or unwelcome.

I hope your conference with Bro. Wood will elicit some light. We all need it. Still I am not sure how some of your members will view the matter. Mr Wood is a most excellent brother, & I know you will love him as such.

I thank you for Mr Irvin's letter. Poor man! It is well that he is out of office. Glad to hear that the poor negroes have gained their rights at last.

Your bro. Isaac is in usual health. His daughter or Lizzie is not quite well. She has over-studied, I believe. The rest are well.

Affectionate greetings to Mrs. W. & all

Fraternally yours, in all the consolation

S. B. Treat

on the Tab. but really none. I trust ... in the very ... way.

Mission House, Boston

Rev. A. Wright
Seneca —

As ever, most truly

Dear Brother

Yours of the 24th

I received yesterday; & in the afternoon I consulted the Com[tee] in reference to the proposed "fight." The result may be stated in this wise. 1. They think that I, as an officer of the Board, had better not come into any conflict with the Methodists. We aim most strenuously to avoid all such antagonisms. 2. They do not feel willing to "direct" you to embark in this warfare, partly for the reason aforesaid, & partly because they are not sufficiently in possession of the facts to decide such a question. But 3. they have such confidence in your wisdom & judgment that they are very willing to leave you to act according to your best discretion. If you feel that you are really called to stand up for the right, they do not restrain your liberty.

Bro. Wm. Hall is here, & he will probably be in Albany soon. I have sounded him in regard to resuming his work at Allegany. He thinks he may be ready to do so next fall. Will it not be best? I should be glad to have one white male, & Jas. Pierce do all the work; but has that time come? Or is it near? I cannot find that Bro. Bliss is overworking. He preaches 2 sermons

on the Sab., but rarely now. I doubt whether they in the more expedient way.

Miss. House. Boston
March 29. 1855.

Rev. M. Palmer &c.
Fitchville, Huron Co. O.

Dear Brother

I received your long letter, & read it also, with very great interest. I have been hoping to get a little leisure for a reply of some length; but I am not very near that point. In general, your views are those which now prevail at the Miss. House. I have not tested every statement, & therefore would not say that I go to the same length which you do in carrying out what we regard as sound principles. But in the main we are with you.

The Cherokee mission is still very laborious. I am distressed because of its prospects; the slavery question is coming in as a most disturbing element. Our work among the people will be somewhat affected by the agitation of the subject, & we shall be hampered in the nation. & we shall be troubled to secure the necessary personnel to send there. Possibly some light may break upon our relations to that field in a few months. We shall see.

In reply to yours of March 22, let me say that nothing has come from the mission in regard to your views which has had the slightest influence upon the action of the Com^ee. In fact, I do not recall any communication on the subject. So far as I understand the case, the mission would be glad to have you as a fellow-laborer among them, as Mr. Worcester is

As ever, most truly Yours
S. B. Treat

Miss. Home. Boston
March 29. 1855

Rev. M. Palmer,
Fitzspring, Cherokee Co. ?

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quite anxious that you should engage in mission-ary labors among them.

I send herewith our Annual Report. The N.Y. Observer keeps up the slavery discussion; but I hope an end will come in due time.

Very Truly

Yours

L.B. Kerr

Miss. Rooms, Boston

March 31. 1855.

Miss Mary W. Chapin

South Hadley, Ms.

Dear Miss C.

Mr & Mrs Riggs, most excellent missionaries, wish very much to obtain a good teacher for the Dakotas. I need not go into details, as Mr. R. has written to some at South Hadley, I believe. Of course, you will understand what sort of spirit is needed. Doing good in that part of the world is a selfdenying work; there is not much éclat to be expected; but some persons will be happy there. Mr. R. is very desirous that some one may join by next autumn, if not before. Has your institution no young lady who is drawn thitherward? Very truly yours

S. B. Treat

Miss'y House Boston

March 31. 1855.

Mr. Jonas Pettijohn

Traverse Sioux

Dear Sir.

I am now prepared to reply definitely to yours of Jan. 16. having heard from our missionaries. That Mr. Adams received any thing for keeping a Dakota child, was new to me. Hence I wrote to Mr. Riggs for information. He says, after seeing Mr. W. that the mission have made no arrangement with Mr A. for keeping Thomas; in fact, the whole matter is as new to them, as it was to me. You will infer, I presume, that your informant was incorrect.

Kind regards to Mrs. P.

Truly yours S. B. Treat

March 31. 1855.
Miss Home. Boston

Miss. Home Boston
March 31. 1855.

Rev S. R. Riggs
Lac qui parle. Dear Bro.

Yours of Feb. 19
I received March 24. also the piece for
the Dayspring, which is in type. I am glad to
hear that there is a little more quiet
among the Indians. It does seem as if Satan
was very busy in all parts of the world;
& he has many coadjutors. But he is
kept in check most wonderfully. May it be
so at Hazlewood!

I have written to South Hadley,
as you requested. Miss M. W. Chapin,
the Principal, [illegible] address in such cases.

Yours of March 3 has just come. Mine
of Feb. 6 was occasioned by a letter from
Mr Pettijohn, who had heard that Mr Adams
received $75. All right now. [illegible]
[illegible] $13 [illegible]

[illegible] Ja. 1855.

Miss [illegible] [illegible]

Rev. J. Potter

[illegible]

Dear Brother

I have been waiting for weeks to get a few spare moments to write a report. But [illegible] the Choctaw slavery question used up a number of entire days. (There is [illegible], if there is no progress.) And I have been laid up some times of late by the influenza. Now I am better, however.

Yours of Feb. 10 I read with a heavy heart. "You are not ignorant of his devices" I thought. The Devil seems to be busy in all parts of the world, especially in our Indian missions. Br. Riggs has just written me several letters anent Dakota troubles. The current does not run smooth in that department yet; perhaps it will. We shall see.

I suggested to Br. Wright to see the proper men in [illegible], in respect to Louis' troubles &c. [illegible] he has reported. Some of these Baptists [illegible] very well, [illegible] they are a strange set. Their bread is in hot water. One of them [illegible] perhaps in May, I should be glad to [illegible]. No one can be sure of the future.

I [illegible] that [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Miss [illegible]
pleasing [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] be
do [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] into the Baptist
preachers, I shall be disappointed. And you
have Mrs Lathrop & Miss Hough! with Miss
Edwards! You can make up a Choctaw
mission.

Little Rock. Bro Moore, our N.Y. Sec?, has gone
to the Indian Territory, chiefly on account
of the slavery question. I think we shall
come out of the woods somewhere by & by.
We shall see.

You may square up the matter of
James Perry's salary without a special ap-
propriation. A draft will do it.

The minutes of your council I read
with special interest. The preamble is
right. The 1st Res. I presume, is; the 3d
Res. I am sure is. As to the 2d I cannot
speak very confidently, because its fitness
depends upon facts which I do not fully
understand. The only question is, "which is
the best & wisest course in the end?" When
you have determined that point, the problem
is solved. There needs to be a good deal
of patience & forbearance in dealing
with the Indians; but there must be an end
somewhere. Bro Hall & Bro. Wright are
rather more tolerant than you are; but
Bro. W. is making up somewhat at Albany

to give, subsisting on the ground in those books is done, must say what course should be taken in circumstances so difficult & peculiar as yours.

Yours of March 10. "Light & Shade" again! A mild & cheerful dawn; but a doubtful & lowering night! So it is in your field. Well, we shall see a future of some sort. And if we are faithful, the Lord will bless us at any rate.

I do not understand that the bill before the N.Y. Legislature is just what you suppose it to be. I have always gone against giving the Indians the control of school funds. They may perhaps have a voice, or a minority, nothing more. Not so much as that would I give, if I could help it.

Kindest regards to Mrs P. the children & all your fellow-laborers.

As ever, most truly
Yours

S. B. Treat

P.S. Miss Hall, once at Stockbridge goes to Kansas in a few days!

Miss. House Boston

April 4. 1853.

Rev. W. A. [illegible]

Chicago, Ill.

Miss. House Boston

Dear Brother,

April 4. 1853.

Rev. H. A. Wells

I wrote to you a fortnight ago, acknowledging yours of Feb 20. Why since you- it has seemed to me that I ought to [illegible] a word upon one point. In case you fail to secure such assistance as you ought to have, I hope you will not leave till we see what we are to do in the way of filling your place. I do not know that you have any thought of doing so; but it will do no harm to intimate my wishes. Give us time to look about, if it is settled that you leave the field.

Truly Yours,

S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
April 18 1855

Rev. W. A. Nichols
Chicago. Ill.

Dear Brother.

I received your note of April 2 when confined to my house by inflammatory rheumatism. I am well enough to come once a day to the Miss. House; that is all.

If I were to follow my own impulses, I should take no notice of Mr B's articles. And to me, at this stand-point, it does not seem necessary for your paper to say more than you do in the no. of April 12. The letter expresses the views of the Com.ee & the sentiment of the Board. If the letter is bad, that is one thing. If it is good, then ~~[illegible]~~ & see whether the Prud. Com.ee are unfaithful in carrying it out. This matter is receiving special attention, & we shall have something to report, I expect, before long.

Pres.t B. argues as a lawyer. Ecce signum. See his comments on the letter of June 22; also his suppression of the fact (Herald. Oct. 1848) that the vote respecting his resolutions was reconsidered. He then withdrew them.

In respect to your Res.n 2 the Board would never pass the first in its present form. If all slaveholding is meant, the doctrine is bad; if not all is meant, the wording is unskilful. The 1st part of the 2d Res.n is unknown. To say that

while we keep boarding scholars, to whom we [illegible]
hand, in any emergency, if asked. Many times
there, to know it. Our rule is: You may keep
to save life or health. We have gone no further.
Of course, the keeping is to be for as short a
period as possible. The 2d part of the 2d Res.
is in conflict with the 1st Res. I marvel that
Presᵗ B. is disposed to dig up the matter
from its grave.

You call my attention to the fact that my letter was written (so Presᵗ B. intimates) while smarting with disappointment. I wished to get the mission to go to the O.S. Board. They wrote a letter accordingly; & afterwards sent another.

I have no objection to a full inquiry into my course among the Choctaws; but I cannot do justice to the subject in a short letter; nor do I think it best to have it discussed just now. I will say, however, (1) the 1st letter of the mission merely suggested a separation in a certain event; (2) I did not write June 22 with any feeling of bitterness, as I am quite sure; (3) the Comᵉᵉ had no opportunity to be disappointed; for whatever I said to the mission about a separation in a certain event, it was avowedly without authority, & for a possible contingency. The Com. had no occasion to consider the question of a separation at that time, & did not.

My health is such that I cannot write at greater length. Presᵗ B. will never be

satisfied, & I do not expect [illegible] from a discussion with him of [illegible]. What they [illegible] authority for any facts, or in anything [illegible]. I am somewhat [illegible].

Very [illegible]

[illegible] Stratford

and will now [illegible] the last N.Y. Observer. Prime [illegible] [illegible] has appeared [illegible]. "Is time is a great revealer of truth? The end is not yet."

Have talked with Mr. J. Hubbard about sending a brief note to the Observer; but we both think it unwise. We shall [illegible] at some time clear up matters a little; now, however, we had better be quiet.

Perhaps you will notice the Observer. If so, it may be well for me to say a few words. The fragmentary [illegible] [illegible] to settle any thing. Yet there are some things to be said on the case as it stands in the Observer. Is there any design to blind people by the interchange of terms? I hope not; I think not. Sometimes we speak in a fog.

False Points No. 1. The statement of the Annual Report was strictly true. Mrs. B. does not know what the missionaries have written to me independently on this subject. So far as he knows, he speaks as correctly as you would expect such a man to speak. Mr. Wood, you remember, [illegible] the [illegible] with the missionaries distinctly in mind. And he was right.

August 26. [illegible]

Rev. [illegible] Smith Esq.

[illegible] City.

Dear Brother

You will [illegible] read with some surprise, the last N.Y. [illegible]. Prime doubtless enjoys his apparent triumph. [illegible] "time is a great revealer of truth"! The end is not yet. "Nous verrons"!

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Perhaps you will notice the Observer. If so, it may be well for me to say a few words. Our "fragmentary" brother seems to settle every thing. Yet there are some things to be said on the case as it stands in the Observer. Was there any design to blind people by the interchange of terms? I hope not; I think not. Some men are apt to see in a fog.

Take Prime's No. 1. The statement of the Annual Report was strictly true. Bro. B. does not know what the missionaries have written to me individually on this subject. So far as he knows, he speaks as honestly as you would expect such a man to speak. Bro. Wood, you remember, renews his allegations with the documents distinctly in hand. And he has right

But on the subject of approbation [illegible]
[illegible] individually [illegible] expressed [illegible]
[illegible] of the [illegible]
[illegible] he means that the members of
the [illegible] mission individually have not expressed their
the approbation of it, he is incorrect, unless he means
"all of them." A majority of the voting members
of that mission have individually expressed their
approbation, either verbally or in writing, at some
time. So in the meeting at Good Water last Sept.
I do not know that any unordained brother on the ground would
wish to be considered as approving the letter; though
two of them had previously declared their approval
[illegible] rather supposed that younger missionaries have
concluded to go with the older. The unordained
brethren, I believe, are all with the Com^ee.

I only speak of any thing in your paper which
[illegible] to have you, in a proper way, set the matter
aright; because our [illegible] will
be disturbed by [illegible] points.

Other points of the article I might com-
plain of; but perhaps it is hardly worth while.

That withholding of the May minutes is made a
"grievous wrong." I had a large bundle of Choctaw
papers at the meeting of the Board, ready to be used
if any one called for information. But it now
occurs to me that there was any reason for
not delivering those minutes to the Board. If they had
been submitted, other papers should have been
[illegible] in the same direction to make the case complete.

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I subsequently changed my mind in regard to a separation, & regretted that I had made the suggestion. I thought there would be no necessity for ever considering that question; & continued in that mind till recently. And since the late complication, I have spoken of a separation only as a better thing than a protracted disagreement. I said to the brethren last summer: "If the mission cannot agree with the Comee then I think you ought to seek a dissolution of your connection with us."

Of Mr Wright's note of March 5, I will say nothing. Nor am I anxious that you should "clear up" my character & conduct. Perhaps it will be as well, so far as we are concerned, to correct the

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in 4 installments, & intimate that [illegible] probably explain their coming [illegible] from [illegible]. And if you conclude to pay nothing, I shall be perfectly satisfied; for I am willing to wait for the remainder.

Very sincerely yours,

S. B. Treat

Yours of April 5 reached me about [illegible] but I was confined to my house [illegible] [illegible], the [illegible] for some weeks.

I was happy to hear of your safe arrival at Philada. & I rejoice to hear that Mrs. C. is better. May it please the Lord to restore her fully! Present my affectionate regards to her.

As to your visit, I hardly know what to say. I may be in N.Y. [illegible] but unless I can see you there is no special urgency in regard to our meeting [illegible]. It is desirable that we have an interview before you go to [illegible].

You will have heard of [illegible] visit to the Choctaw mission, to confer with the brethren in regard to the recent complications. I trust the blessing of the Lord has gone with him, & that we shall have some result which will be satisfactory to all. It would be as well, perhaps, if I could see you after his return.

I shall be happy to hear from you at your convenience.

Fraternally yours,

S. B. Treat

Mis. House, Boston
May 3. 1858.

Rev. J. Edwards
Philadelphia Pa

Dear Brother,

Yours of April 5 reached me April 7; but I was confined to my house with illness. I am now better, tho still far from well.

I am happy to hear of your safe arrival at Philada & rejoice to hear that Mrs E. is better. May it please the Lord to restore her fully! Present my affectionate regards to her.

As to your visit, I hardly know what to say. I may be in N.Y.; but that once I can see you there. There is no special urgency in regard to our meeting; tho it is desirable that we have an interview before you go to Bath.

You will have heard of Mr Wood's visit to the Choctaw mission, to confer with the brethren in regard to the recent "complications." I trust the blessing of the Lord has gone with him, & that we shall have some result which will be satisfactory to all. It would be as well, perhaps, if I could see you after his return.

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S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston

May 3. 1855

Miss Maria Keen
Williamsburgh N.Y.

Dear Miss K.

I have received a note from Miss Chapin, in which she informs me of your willingness to go to the aid of Mr. Riggs in teaching a school at his station. I am glad to hear this announcement, & should have written to you at South Hadley yesterday, had I been well enough the [illegible] [illegible]. I write to your address for the next two weeks.

I know not how much Mr Riggs has said in regard to the condition of the school to be taught, & so I hardly know what to write.

It would be better if I could see you, but I am not now well enough to go [illegible], & I presume you cannot wish to come to Boston. We would willingly pay the expense of such a visit, if you could come.

If you feel that you know enough about the work proposed to you, & are prepared fully to engage in it, I will say that on receiving a letter from your pastor stating your ch. membership, & recommending you as a teacher, we will appoint you. Mean time, you may make your calculations for going. You may need some aid in procuring an outfit. If so, we will furnish what is necessary.

We of course pay your expenses

to Mr Riggs' [illegible] of the mission. I
will speak of that hereafter. Your
first point will be St. Paul. [illegible]

As to company. I cannot promise
you any thing definitely. I suppose
you can get to St. Paul by steam
boat without difficulty from Cin-
cinnati. From St Paul steamers
go up the Minnesota at certain
times & seasons to Traverse des Sioux
& come farther. At Traverse, you
would find kind friends who would
take you in charge till Mr Riggs
could send for you. At St Paul
Rev Mr. Neill would take you in
charge till you would go up the
Minnesota. Will say no more till
I hear from you. Truly Yours

S.B. Treat

Sec A.B.C.F.M.

Miss. House, Boston,
May 4. 1858.

P.S. Dr. Pomeroy, one of our Secs
will be in N.Y. next week;
& you can see him at the Miss.
Rooms, New Bible House.
Inquire for Mr Merwin.

S. B. T.

Mission House, Boston,
May 4, 1855.

Rev. E. L. [illegible]
Rev. N. A. [illegible] D.D.
New York City.

Dear Brother

I have just received yours of May 2, also the translation. I feel greatly obliged to you for the article. If Binney does not wince under it, he can be put to the hardest service; that is clear. After bearing the infliction patiently, he would be the best candidate for flaying alive that I know of. A man who can have his hide all cut up, & then let salt & vinegar, &c. &c. be rubbed over him, & take it meekly withal, has a rare gift.

Your view as to our course agrees with my own. We ought not to speak controversially, or piecemeal, or prematurely. I think a kind, Christian, dignified history of certain matters will be in order at some day. We must avoid all appearance of antagonism to the mission, if possible, that we may save the missionary cause from harm. I hope Bro. Wood will bring things into such a state that we can do all that we wish. That question, however, is settled by this time.

Your disposition of Sec. Peck's No 4 is perfectly satisfactory to me. It is judicious & yet sufficient for the present.

Fraternally Yrs
S. Peck

Miss. House Boston
May 7, 1855

Rev. E. L. Boing
Newark N. J.

Dear Brother,

Yours of April 30, I received last week. The reason of my silence till now you may have learned. For five weeks I have been sick, some of the time confined to the house, & all of the time disabled from much work.

In regard to the freight on the boxes, it is proper that we should pay it; & you may call on Mr. Merwin therefor. And you may do the same thing in regard to your expenses to Michigan. He will furnish you the needful sum.

In view of Mrs Boing's health, I think it would be best for you to obtain a settlement in the U. S. Were she in full strength, we should wish to send you abroad; but good health is very important in the missionary work.

Should you need any additional pecuniary aid while seeking a settlement, please to inform me.

Assure Mrs B. of my affectionate regard & my Christian sympathy.

As ever, fraternally
Yours

S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
May 7. 1855.

Rev. W. A. Nichols
Chicago Ill.

Miss. House, Boston,
May 7. 1855.

Mrs. A. G. Chace
Fall River, Ms.

Dear Madam:

Mr. Gordon has placed in my hands a letter from Rev. Mr. Thurston in regard to Mr. Pulsifer. In reply to his inquiries, permit me to say that nothing has been sent to Mr P. from the Miss. House since his loss, as he has requested nothing. He has obtained some articles, I believe, nearer home; but I have no doubt that any thing you will send, will be very thankfully received, as well as worthily bestowed. Mr & Mrs. P. are a most excellent couple, ever ready to serve the Lord according to their ability.

Truly yours, S. B. Treat.

Miss. House, Boston
May 9. 1855.

Rev. W. A. Nicholls
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Brother.

I have read the articles in the Cong. Herald in reply to Prof. Blanchard with pleasure; though since it hardly seems necessary to make the powder. You, however, better understand the West.

You will have seen the N.Y. Observer's mis-chievous article on the Choctaw mission, & the Evangelist's reply. I am afraid that Mr. Prime may make up some of our antislavery friends, while he is trying to soothe the conservatives. It should be known then that the Obs. article is essentially untrue. Take the letter of March 27. for a Choctaw rendering. Look at his No. 4. A majority of the voting members of that mission had expressed to me, before Sept. '54, their approval of the letter of June 22 '48. The letter of March 27 is vague as to mission action, but not as to individual assurances. The Evangelist has stated this thing correctly.

If your paper should have any thing on this point, I hope you will have the matter set right. Without referring to me, you can quote from the Evangelist, saying that you have no doubt of the truth of the statement.

Very truly yours
S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
May 8. 1855.

Rev. C. Hotchkin
Choctaw Nt. — Dear Brother.

Mr. Wilson, Sec. of the Presbyn. Board, has written to me in regard to the property at Good Water for which they are to pay. I cannot conclude the business with him till I hear from you. If you have not already written, therefore, giving the necessary data for a settlement with that Board, please to do so now, that I may know how much should come to us.

I am very anxious to hear the result of Mr. Wood's conference with you. The Lord give us his blessing! Christian love to Mrs. H.

Fraternally yours. S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
May 10 1855

Rev. J. L. Wilson D.D.,

Sec. Assembly's Board,

Dear Brother,

I this moment received your favor of May 8. I have been expecting a letter from Mr. Hotchkin for some time; but none has come. I ought perhaps to wait still longer, before concluding a matter in respect to which our information is defective. On the whole, I think we had better let the question rest for the present. I will write to Mr. H., though I hope to hear very soon.

Very respectfully &
truly yrs
S. B. Treat

Miss. Home Boston
May 10 1855

Hon. G. W. Manypenny,
Com^r of Indian Affairs.

Sir

I have made some effort to obtain a copy of your last Report, but I have failed hitherto. May I ask the favor of a copy from your office? By sending me one, you will oblige,

Your obed^t servant &c

S. B. Treat
Sec. A B C F M

Miss. House, Boston.
May 11. 1855

Mr. James Orr,
Cherokees.

Dear Sir:

Yours of March 23d I have read with more interest than pleasure. That Mr. Willey should go to Dwight was far from being my wish. And the fact that his "delay" has brought about the existing state of things, does not make me any more reconciled to the arrangement. He was very deliberate in setting out on his return to the mission, & very deliberate in making his journey; & now he took time to decide.

If Mrs. Orr could not safely go to Dwight at the time it was necessary to go, she should not have been required to go. But I must confess that I do not feel satisfied with the present arrangement, as I understand it. And I fear we shall find that Mr. W's residence at Dwight will be somewhat expensive.

What should be done, I do not know. I wait for more light. Can you give me any? "What shall be done with Dwight?" That is the question.

Kind regards to Mrs. Orr & all with you.

Assur, very sincerely Yrs

S. B. Treat

Just what should be done in [illegible] I am not prepared to say. [illegible] remain [illegible] for the present. Meantime, there should [illegible] permanent or expensive changes at Dwight's. The necessary reparation ought to be made very carefully, & no outlay incurred [illegible]

Miss. House, Boston, January 11, 1858.

Rev. W. J. Willey,
Cherokees.—

Dear Brother:

Yours of [illegible] 14. [illegible] received; & I must confess that I was disappointed by finding that you are not at Dwight. From a letter of Mr. Orr I learn that his deciding against going to Dwight's was occasioned by the delay of your decision, whereby it became too late for Mrs Orr to remove with safety. Without such a reason, I cannot suppose that Mr. Orr would have taken the ground he did.

I feel not a little embarrassed by the case. You know what my opinion was as to your location. The mission concurred with me; & yet you are at another place. After the vote of the mission, you took time to decide. This we are not accustomed to. When the opinion at the Miss. House & in the mission agree, it is expected that the missionary will act accordingly, without taking time to decide, & especially without making it impossible to act accordingly.

This "delay" seems to be very unfortunate. It seemed to me that you were very deliberate in setting out for the mission. Your journey was also quite deliberate, of some eight weeks duration, I believe. And now, in consequence, we find the plan in regard to you broken up.

Just what should be done in these circumstances, I am not prepared to say. I suppose matters must remain as they are for the present. Meantime, there should be no permanent or expensive changes at Knights. The arrangements at that station ought to be made very carefully; & no outlay should be incurred without the sanction of the Prud. Com. I have asked heretofore the wisdom of the mission in solving the problems at Knights; that wisdom will probably be needed hereafter.

Hope to learn facts from our prudence when Mr Wood returns. Then I may write again.

Kind regards to Mrs. Walley.

Very sincerely

Yours

S. B. Treat

Miss. Mission ~~House~~

May 14. 1855

Miss M. Rice
New York City

Dear Miss Rice

Yours of the 11th I have just received. I am sorry that we are not to have the benefit of your aid in our Indian missions; but I trust your decision is of the Lord. You may consider yourself released from any obligation to us. With kind wishes for your welfare & usefulness

I am, my Dear Miss

Yours

S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
May 14. 1855.

Rev. H. A. Tracy
Cincinnati O.

Dear Bro.

Mr. Riggs, of the Dakota mission, wants a teacher, a female, to go to his station this summer or fall. We have had one engaged; but she has slipped through our fingers. Can you get one? If you have one, or shall have one, please to write to Mr. Riggs, & inform him of the fact. He will tell you how to get her to his place. Also please to let me know of your success.

Very truly

Yrs

S. B. Treat

Miss. House Bost.

May 24, 1855.

Rev. S. R. Riggs

Lac qui Parle

Dear Bro.

Miss Hewes,

the young lady who had engaged to go to your station as a teacher, has "backed out." She concludes to improve her qualifications for usefulness in our work.

I have written to Rev. H. K. Tracy, our Dist. Sec. for Cincinnati, O. to look for a teacher & will look out in these parts. A line from you to Mr. Tracy, describing what you want, &c., might help him.

Kind regards to Mrs. R. & all.

Fraternally yrs

S. B. Treat

Otis. Upper Batt
May 10. 1855

Rev. P. R. Clenkirkine,
St. Francis. C. E.

Dear Brother

I have received your letter of May 7th & read it to the Presb. Com. & May allow you to draw on James M. Gordon the Treasurer for $ 400. We had hoped to hear that the mill was done, & in successful operation. We have also hoped to hear that the Lord was doing a good work among your people. May the desire of your hearts be still given us!

Soon I shall want a report from you. Say July 1.

Truly yrs

W. B. Treas

Mis: [illegible]

May 16. 1848.

Rev C. Byington

Choctaws. — Dear Brother,

Yours of the 17th April has come to hand. And I wish to say, I have given very special directions, repeatedly, to have the hymn books bound strong. If they are not so, it will not be my fault. There is a tendency to do work hastily.

2. The Almanac has been sent to

3. I could not publish more hymns in English, without another form, which would increase the expense a good deal. It is better for you to get the Tract Society hymn book for your families. It is called Hymns for Social Worship. That society would donate all you want, I presume. Think of it.

Mr Wood writes hopefully in regard to the adjustment of the vexed question. He thinks the mission & the Board can go on harmoniously together. If it can be with peace & comfort to all concerned, & for the honor of Christ, I shall rejoice with great joy at an event so superior to health the result

I read with some regret your letter in the N. Y. Observer. That paper behaves badly; & you have innocently misstated some things. You do not know what the members of your mission have said & written to me.

Christian love to all B.

As ever affectionately yours
R. B. Treat

Miss. Rooms, Boston
May 16. 1855

Rev. C. [illegible]
[illegible] Rapids, [illegible]

C. L. [illegible] on Mission.
Message of the [illegible]
was very stupid. I had no [illegible]
May [illegible] of the matter. He says he has had [illegible] yesterday I
conferred with the Prud. Com. in regard
the books bound as strong as they
to the requests contained therein. It is not
can well be. Probably you will
our practice to make grants in such cases,
[illegible] say that the [illegible] need improving [illegible]
matters [illegible] Boston. [illegible] Sec. Treas. prefer
not to depart from our rule.

Still I can say to you all that is needful. When the connection between you & us shall be dissolved, the Com. authorize me to say, you can have the articles which you mention as henceforth your own property. What you ask, in the circumstances we consider reasonable.

It will not be necessary for you to offer the release till the A. S. is formed. As soon as the accounts with the U. S. govt. are closed, you can take your discharge, & all the property yours.

I was glad to hear from you so fully in reference to sundry matters; & I shall ever be pleased to hear of the welfare of yourself & family.

Miss. House, Boston
May 16. 1855

Rev. S. Hall,
Sault Rapids. M.T.

Dear Brother

Your favor of May 3 arrived May 12, & yesterday I conferred with the Prud. Com.ee in regard to the requests contained therein. It is not our practice to make grants in such cases, till the relation of the missionary to the Board shall be formally terminated; & we prefer not to depart from our rule.

Still I can say to you all that is needful. When the connection between you & us shall be dissolved, the Com.ee authorize me to say, you can have the articles which you mention as henceforth your own property. What you ask, in the circumstances we consider reasonable.

It will not be necessary for you to defer the release till the A. T. is formulated. As soon as the accounts with the U. S. govt are closed, you can take your discharge, & all the property yours.

I was glad to hear from you so fully in reference to sundry matters, & I shall ever be pleased to hear of the welfare of yourself & family.

This letter was also sent to:
Rev. Messrs. Wright & Gleason
Mrs. C. Pulsifer, Ojibwa
[illegible] Potter, Seneca
[illegible] Rockwood

The [illegible] of [illegible] affairs & [illegible] [illegible] is remarkable. Rodgers, [illegible] of Stewart, [illegible] remnant in the land. [illegible] Hart [illegible] a few weeks ago. He is to be aided by the Unitarians. He has had something to do with the new treaty; whether he has exerted much influence on the question, I cannot learn. He thinks the war between the Sioux & Ojibwas can be corrected hereafter, through the force & effect of the present treaty. If the Ojibwas receive lands (in fee) of their own & become citizens of the U.S. they will be protected as such. This is his plan.

Please to assure Mrs. Hall & the children of my continued interest in them.

I remain, as ever, your brother in the common work

S. B. Treat

This letter was also copied to:
Rev. Messrs. Wright & Gleason
Mrs. C. Pulsifer, Ojibwas
Rev. [illegible], Choctaws
Revs. Potter & Jenkins
" [illegible] Rockwood
" S. A. Worcester.

[illegible]
May 18. 1855.

Rev. T. S. Williamson,
Dakotas!—

Dear Brother

You will think it strange perhaps that it is so long since you last heard from me. Permit me to explain the reason of my silence.

Early in April I was seized by the inflammatory rheumatism, which you know is given to handling people rather roughly. For two weeks & more, I was confined to my house, & most to my bed. Then I crawled out & with pain & difficulty, coming to the Miss. House a little while per diem. On one day only have I made two "trips" to my room; but I hope to do so soon.

In such circumstances you will understand that the necessary things are done first; & things not absolutely necessary are deferred. I have kept along the publications now in my charge; but my unanswered letters have somewhat accumulated. This was unavoidable.

It is somewhat remarkable that Mr. Pomroy is detained at Newburgh by the same complaint. Well is it for our work that we have taken turns. It is about as important that we have one Sec. at the Miss. House as that one Indian should be sober in a frolic.

You know that Mr. Anderson is far away, & my good bro. Jones & wife, the Choctaw & Cherokee [illegible]. Bro. Dole, our Editor, is in very feeble health, & he has just departed for Maine, where he expects to lay his bones at no distant day. He is evidently ripe for the end, whenever it shall come.

These events & changes impress upon us the frailty of our hold on life; they show us that we are pilgrims. We wander about from place to place. Even when we are doing the Lord's work, we are often shaken out of our nests. We have no immunity by reason of any sacredness of function. So God would teach us all to be ever looking away to the "better country." Are we doing so?

Very affectionately

Your brother

in Christ

S. B. Treat

Miss. Home Boston
May 17. 1855.

Rev L. H. Wheeler
Ojibwas.

Dear Brother.

You will have received my letter of March 22, in regard to the La Pointe land, stating that we had sold the improvements to the claimants of the land for $300. This will relieve your mind as to this unpleasant business. It seems unfortunate that we should not get all that is our due; but such things often happen.

Your two letters of March 17, & the one of March 28, I have received. The last only came yesterday. As matters now stand you need no reply to them; as mine of March 22 will suffice.

I am sorry that I shall not be able to make you a visit this year; but I do not see how I can possibly do so. Till Dr Anderson returns, it will be impossible; & after that event, I must be very busy till winter at least.

I hope to hear that the good work is making progress at Bad River. The Lord may be about to bring you out into "a large place", for the sake of the poor Indians. May it, indeed, be so!

Christian greetings to Mrs W. Miss S. & all
Truly yours S. B. Treat

Miss. Rooms Boston

May 17, 1855.

Mr. P. Pulcifer,

Pejutazizi. Dear Brother.

Your favor of March 13 has been in my hands some five weeks. The letter of yesterday will explain why. You will see an extract in the Herald.

I like your cautious plan in regard to buildings &c. It is not best to "branch out" much till we see what is to be the future of your Indians. I fear I shall not be able to visit you this year. We are very weak. Mr Wood - the N.Y. Sec. - has gone to visit the Choctaws & Cherokees & Dr Anderson will not be back for 3 months at least. The Herald is sent to you. Kind regards to Mrs. P.

Truly Yours S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
May 17. 1850.

Rev. Mr. T. S. Williamson M.D.
Dakota Mission. —

Dear Brother

My letter of yesterday will explain my long silence. I should have answered, to make the one complete, & was extra late by reason of Dr Anderson's absence, as also Mr Greene's; for this brother has gone to visit the Choctaw & Cherokee missions. The slavery question is the occasion of his going. We hope he will get matters into the right shape. If you read the N.Y. Observer, you will see that there is some entanglement in that quarter. That paper is greatly troubled by the action of the Board at Hartford.

I thank you for keeping me so well informed as to matters at Yellow Medicine. I have read your letters repeatedly; & of course I have in mind what you say in respect to your sister's school, the lack of food for the Indians, Mr Robertson, &c &c as a vivid picture. The landscape about your house is more distinctly before me than the scenes of my boyhood. Some of those lodges, I doubt not, are gone; but the prairie, & ravines, & St Peters, are all there.

Your request in regard to the Post office is attended to; and I presume letters & papers now go to "Sagulague." If they do not, please to inform them.

I had transmitted a copy of the appropriations made to your station, according to your request.

Will not the Indians learn wisdom from their sufferings in the want of food? I know there are special hindrances; but it would seem that they must determine at length to change their habits. If so, a great point will be gained. Should a part become industrious, & have food enough, with more of comfort, the example must have some effect.

But, after all, our hope is in the Lord. We seek our reward from him; & he is sure to do right. He will not bless us according to any visible results, but according the spirit we exhibit in his service. And the time draweth near. We are not far off from the great consummation. Let us labor, then, in patience waiting for the appearing of our Lord.

Kindest regards to Mrs. W. Miss Jane, the children, & all with you.

As ever, Your brother in
the common work.
S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
May 17. 1855.

Rev A. Gleason,
Senecas -- Dear Brother

My delay in acknowledging yours of Feb. 17. is accounted for in the letter sent herewith. I read your favor with special interest, sympathizing with you & Miss Kent also in your trials. It seems strange at times that the Lord's work should go forward with so many "hitches"; but he allows it to be so to show what poor "humanity" is. It is something my consolation(!) that by nature I am as bad as any body you can find; so I have no reason to complain of others, while I have much to praise God's grace. This is the best recipe I know for such troubles.

Kind regards to all. Yours in S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston

May 17. 1855.

Rev. A. Wright,

Senecas. — Dear Brother.

Your letters of March 30 & April 11 have not acknowledged. You must have rejoiced to get home once more. What a place Albany is in the winter? or Washington? If Satan does not find enjoyment in such scenes, I am sure he must be hard to please.

Is the Orphan School getting under way? And what are its prospects? That account of Parker's services has not come. Will it be along soon? Please to remember the School report.

In our next annual report, will it not be best to describe the history of events on both Reservations, the Baptist & Methodist efforts? What say you? Some pastors inclined to

tell the simple truth in Indian Mission way. If you think so, will you prepare a statement of the case for both Associations?

The Baptists are a strange people; though they have some of the excellent of the earth among them. The Union is having a trying time; & though I pity the officers, the denomination deserves the rebuke. Their excessive regard for a rite has made them uncharitable & radical.

I am in doubt as to what the end is to be on the Allegheny Reservation. Perhaps we shall know next fall.

Charles, Laura & Mrs. W. unite with you. As ever, your brother in the Lord

S.B. Treat.

Miss. House, Boston
May 17. 1855.

Miss A. Peck
Mt. Hope. — Dear Miss P.

Your favor of March 13 I have read with special interest, & I thank you for it. Can you not give me some facts, anecdotes, &c for the Dayspring? I should be pleased to receive something from you in that line.

At few weeks hence say July — I should like to have you write me again respecting the school, that I may know what to say in the annual report. Tell Mr. Butts that I hope to visit Mt. Hope; but I cannot do so at present. We are well at the Miss. House. Kind regards to her & Miss S.

Affectionately yours S. B. Treat.

Mis. House, Boston
May 17. 1855.

Rev. G. Rockwood,
Tuscaroras. — Dear Brother.

The letter sent herewith will explain my long silence — Have received four letters from you, — Feb. 21. March 17. 18. & April 9. I am glad to find that you have obtained the help you need. I trust it is of the right kind.

What did the Tuscaroras get from the Legislature for schools? I have not learned. The time will come I think, when the State will assume the expense of educating the Indians in her bounds in the true way, i.e. in boarding schools.

Affectionate regards to Mrs R & family
Fraternally yours R. B. Treat

Miss. Home. Boston
May 19. 1855

Rev. J. Potter
Seneca.

Miss. Home Boston
May 19. 1855.

Mr S. L. Hobbs
Lenox. C.N. Dear Brother.

Your favor of Feb. 19. is not acknowledged: the letter sent herewith will explain the reason. The Herald will have shown you that I rec.d your communication.

Bro. Mo.s. Smith, has made you a visit at Lenox; & you have greatly enjoyed his society. Have not heard the result of his conference with the mission. I suppose, however, from a letter of his, dated April 16, that the mission goes forward in harmony with the Com.ee— If this harmony is real, I shall rejoice; for I love the Choctaws. The Lord has blessed them greatly.

Kindest regards & allns. H. Tracy no. L. Baker

Mis. House, Bost.
May 19th 1855(?)

Rev. J. Potter.
[illegible] —

Dear Brother.

The letter sent herewith will give you a part of my history for the last two or three weeks; some other things you will infer. While I was confined to my house, Miss Hall called at the Mis. House, & left her card. I will inclose it herewith, that the Choctaw laborers may open a communication with her. She will be delighted to hear from you, one & all.

In regard to Bro. Wood's mission, if you read the N.Y. Observer you will see where the tide is. That paper is intent upon mischief & Bro. B. writes. We have lost their aid. Bro. B. is "out" in his facts, especially in No. 1, & No. 4. A majority of the older members of the mission have individually expressed their approval of the principles of the Treat letter. So you see the N.Y. Evangelist. May the Lord bless the Observer with "peace & strength" continued. We shall clear up some of these matters at some future day.

Bro. Wood wrote from [illegible] April 16, expressing the hope of bringing the mission & the Com^ee into harmony. My might is to leave the mission, & go to the Southern Board(?). The anti-slavery element will suffer no loss from this fact; again

the property trespass in principle with [illegible] object to some oppressions & [illegible] in the [illegible]. Mr. [illegible] is [illegible] [illegible] but the reason may say things which he will consider more formally than you or I should. He has settled so much of opinion in this line of things as we have. But we shall see.

One thing is quite clear. The Am. Board adopts the Choctaw nation as an anti-slavery body. That fact can never be set back. The [illegible] only makes the case more palpable. By approving us, it tells the Choctaws, as plainly as it can, that we are strong on the other track. This is saying something.

Please to present my kindest regards to Mrs. S. & your "honorable women," not forgetting the Choctaw sisterhood. It will give me pleasure to see them at some future day. Mrs. T. thinks of your forest home, & wonders how it [illegible] brought to a quiet nook; [illegible] not without its charms.

As ever, your friend & brother in the Lord

S. B. Treat

[illegible] have been called for [illegible] taken than would have [illegible] no discussion [illegible] the [illegible] the report to which you refer, [illegible], one of the Com.ee says that the reasoning is to be considered as the Com.ee's & that it is not made the reasoning of the Board. The Board adopts the Res.ns & must stand by them; but it is not answerable for the logic on which the Res.ns rest. Such a rule is certainly reasonable.

You are right as to the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Board. I am not aware of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] not on any such principle. [illegible] [illegible] of the day, or qualification on the strength of any [illegible] [illegible]. No ordained by a presbytery [illegible] [illegible] as [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] not acknowledging the first answer will appear in the accompanying communication which I have [illegible] to several stations.

The slavery question I need not discuss now, as you will have seen Mr. Wood; & I presume the result will be satisfactory, judging from a letter which he wrote on the 16th of [illegible]. If the Choctaw mission [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] will of course.

The "doings" at Hartford were not as [illegible] [illegible] had [illegible] of the [illegible] on the [illegible] Report [illegible] is [illegible] to introduce the Resol^ns. [illegible] have had nothing else, [illegible] speeches, [illegible] something should have been called [illegible]. If the course had been taken there would have been no trouble, probably no discussion. As to the effect of the clauses in the report to which you except, Hon. Lewis Child, one of the Com^ee, says that the reasoning is to be considered as the Com^ees & that it is not [illegible] the reasoning of the Board. The Board adopts the [illegible] & must stand by them; but it is not answerable for the logic or what the Res^ns [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] is [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] S. B. Treat

You are right as to the principle of the [illegible] Board. I am not aware of any departure from it, [illegible]. We do not act on any such principle. Whether [illegible] orthodoxy or qualifications on the strength of any recommendation. He is ordained by a Presbytery; we inquire as to his standing, so as to any point affecting his position. We never ask presbytery or [illegible] whether we shall recall a man. We decide whether we think we had better continue the relation. This is a missionary question. We cannot touch his ecclesiastical standing; but we can say whether the funds of the Board shall be expended for his support.

I am sorry to hear that you have suffered from illness & others of your family also. Mrs. Hall arrived last week, somewhat improved; but she is quite feeble. [illegible] will write to you, I presume.

I cannot feel at ease about [illegible] & [illegible]. It may be that Mr. [illegible] may not return from the Mission; & in that case I have thought of saying to Dr. Palmer, "You may go to [illegible] on the self supporting plan. We will give the use of our property there, & pay your expenses to the field. Your living you may obtain from the people, by medical practice." &c. There would be less objection to this plan than any other, I think. What say you to it? And (inter nos) how would this do at [illegible]? I am not satisfied with Mr. Miller's course; & I do not wish to trust him to manage for us at that station. He will spend too much money. Besides, he will always be impracticable. This is inter nos, remember.

Kind regards to Mrs. W. & all. Truly yrs. J. C. Lowrie

Miss. House Rooms
May 22 1852

Chas. H. Stewart Esq.
New York City.

Dear Sir.

In your letter of the 20th inst. you stated Mr. Armstrong's proposal to you & us for the extinguishment of our claim on the La Pointe property, & that he "would make a free gift of the church." I wrote accordingly to Mr. Wheeler; but Mr. A. now claims the church. How does the matter stand? If he insists upon having the church, can we resist his demand?

If you will write to me or Mr. Wheeler, presenting the case just as it is, & suggesting the course which we had better pursue, I shall be obliged to you.

Is there any progress in the Osage matter? We should be glad to see the end of that business as soon as may be.

Very truly yours

S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
May 29. 1855.

Rev N. Lord, D.D.,
Hanover, N. H.

Rev'd dear Sir

Your letter & accounts were laid before the Boston Com'ee yesterday; & they find your statement of disbursements correct. I have drawn upon the Society in Scotland for the amount; & hereby enclose Mr Gordon's check &c which will enable you to realize the sum in question.

You will be glad to learn that we are relieved in regard to the Choctaw mission. We shall get upon common & comfortable ground, I think.

Very respectfully yours

S. B. Treat

Miss. Rende Boston

June 6. 1855.

Rev. M. Palmer M.D.

Fitchville, Huron Co. O

Dear Brother.

I write in haste to inquire if you are prepared to entertain a proposition to go to Fairfield on this basis, viz. We pay the expenses of yourself & family thither, & give you the use of our property there, so long as you do the work of a faithful missionary? If you are inclined to take the station on some such plan, I think the Com^ee will assent, though I have not consulted them. We are anxious to introduce the self-supporting system wherever we can; & you can make the attempt at Fairfield better than any other person. The people will do some-

Miss. Rooms Boston
June 6 1855.

Rev. M. Palmer M.D.,
Fitchville, Huron Co. O

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Mis. House, Boston
June 5. 1855.

Rev. W. Copeland
Choctaw Nation

Dear Brother

[illegible] for you, & take[?] your medical pract-
ice would be worth something; the
farm would yield certain returns;
would [illegible] now concerning. I think you
would live comfortably, besides
putting the people on a new track.
I must confess I think well of
such a plan. How does it
strike you.

Mr Orr is to leave, I believe.
Mr Kinsley[?] may leave. If not,
he can itinerate, & so give you
Stockbridge[?].

The slavery difficulty appears
to be removed for the present. I
hope you shall get along comfortably.
Very truly yours
S. B. Treat

Your favor of
[illegible] was not able to
act [illegible] of the yesterday
[illegible] more.
You may say [illegible] the Comm. Room
[illegible] to hear his
report. [illegible] the furnishing of
the [illegible], or an effect to neither report
from him. [illegible] to the Comm.
[illegible] will be
appointed [illegible] the favorable
[illegible]

[illegible] let me know
more about [illegible] done with
them, [illegible] give them
[illegible] some more.
with Mrs Copeland [illegible]. I shall hope
to see you at my house, [illegible] come in August
or July; for my wife may be away.

I have not received the minutes of the
Choctaw meeting, nor of the one held with Mr
Wood.

Kindest regards & wishes to all with you.
Very sincerely yours
S. B. Treat

Mis. Rooms, Boston
June 8 1858

Mr. H. K. Copeland,
Chester Mission.

Dear Brother

Your favor of April 13 I have received. We were not able to act upon your request understandingly till yesterday when Mr. Wood took his seat with us once more. We were very glad to see him in the Com^ee Room again; & we were especially glad to hear his report. The Com^ee have not decided definitely as to the matters involved, as we expect a written report from him. But I have no doubt as to the course which will be taken. The adjustment will be approved; & we shall all rejoice in the favorable issue.

We could not well act in your case, till we knew more about the schools, — what was to be done with them, &c. Now the Com^ee cordially give their consent to your visiting the North this summer, with Mrs. Copeland, at our expense. I shall hope to see you at my house; but do not come in August or July; for my wife may be away.

I have not received the minutes of the Whitlock meeting, nor of the one held with Mr. Wood.

Kindest regards to Mrs. C & all with you

Very sincerely yours

S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
June 6. 1855.

Rev. G. Rockwood
Tuscarora. — Dear Brother

Shall you want any clothing for your boarding school girls under Miss Peck's care? If so please to let me know. And please also to get Miss Peck, or some one else, to write to me just what is wanted: kind of clothing, size, &c. so that the makers may know just what they are to do.

Some ladies in Chelsea are disposed to help in this way, & I seek the information for them. I presume they will not send any thing till fall, so that winter clothing will come into the account.

Kind regards to all. Truly yrs. S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston

June 12. 1858.

Rev. G. W. Wood

New York City.

Dear Brother

I have yours of the 11th & I send the card herewith. Mr. B's letter does not surprise me much. He is "broken", indeed; but I have not had the pleasure of knowing him "unbroken". You remember Prof. Shurtleff's remark concerning the man who was said to be "deranged", "I did not know that he was arranged".

You will do well to write to Mr B. or Mr K. kindly, endeavoring to hold the reins wisely, so that they may not get out of the road. And it may be well to write to C. C. Copeland, & possibly Stark, as you propose ..

There needs to be done (back-bone) some-thing here; otherwise the church will be dep-endent on us. I am a little afraid that [illegible] [illegible] will not teach wisely among their brethren. There is one of our perils. We have enough of this sort of trouble on hand already, and need nothing more.

I would not make those remarks which you propose or suggest respecting the older brethren in your report. If need be, they could be stated verbally to any persons who should know the facts. I would introduce into your report all the facts showing that the mission is in a good position, such as the number of slaveholders admitted to the churches, &c &c.

Please read the report of the doings at St Louis. I could wish some things were otherwise. Still I think we can weather the storm. Mr. A. must yield a little, I trust.

In great haste —

Very sincerely

Yrs

S.B. Treat

Miss. House Boston

June 13. 1855

Rev. E. L. Boing
Newark N. J.

Dear Brother

Yours from Almont, dated June 8. I have received, & yesterday I obtained the consent of the Prud. Com. to your receiving the $50 you speak of. That consent was most cheerfully given. You may call upon Mr. Merrim for the money at your convenience. This letter will be sufficient authority.

You do not speak of taking a dismission. If you go into other than missionary work, expecting to continue therein, I suppose this will be expedient. Kindest regards to Mrs. B. Truly yours S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston,
June 13. 1853.

Rev. C. Seeley
Thetford, Vt.

Dear Brother

Yours of the 26th ult. I brought before the Comm^ee yesterday. They voted your $150 additional, according to your request; & I inclose a check therefor.

I am sorry that you donot regain your health more rapidly; but I trust that the Vermont air will soon set you up. For this I donot cease to hope & pray.

The Slavery question stands better between us & the Choctaw & Cherokee missions than ever before. I hope we shall have less trouble.

Kind regards to Mrs S. & Miss L. Truly yrs S. B. Treat

It is our prayer that [illegible] may attend you in all your [illegible]; & if you Mrs. H. B. Wright [illegible] through scenes of trial, by [illegible] indisposition, you may be upheld [illegible] your [illegible] with his own gracious strength, [illegible]. Your letters of April 23 & 24, I have duly received. The minutes of the two last mission meetings I have not received; but Mr. Ward brought me the resolution of the brethren at Wheelock, & gave his own views of the case. The sum recommended is $773, but this is not to include the $200 allowed for your support, as I am told. The Com^ee have voted you $573 & they allow you to draw the $200 appropriated for you in addition. The result is the same; but they prefer to put the matter in this shape. I enclose herewith an [illegible] draft on Mr. [illegible] for $573, which you will cash at your convenience.

Your letter of April 24 they have also acted upon. You are released from your connection with the Board, upon your own request; & you carry with you the confidence & regard of the Pru. Com^ee & the Officers of the Board. The Choctaws have great reason to honor & love you, not only for the sake of your excellent husband, but for what you have yourself done in their behalf. Few of our missionary ladies have been so useful.

It is our prayer that the blessing of God may attend you in all your future course; & if you are called to pass through scenes of trial, by reason of bodily indisposition, you may be assured of our unfailing sympathy. The Lord keep you with his own precious strength, even to the end!

Kind regards to Mrs Kerr & all with you

Most respectfully &
affectionately
yours

S. & B. Treat.

P. S. I am greatly rejoiced at the result of Mr Wood's visit. The platform adopted by the mission is entirely satisfactory to me; & I am quite willing that the schools should be continued till the obnoxious laws may be put in force.

Miss. House, Boston
June 13. 1855

Rev. J. Edwards
Bath, N. Y.

Dear Brother.

Your favor of June 5 I have duly received, & yesterday I laid it before the Pru. Com.ee We feel somewhat embarrassed by the peculiar circumstances of the Wheelock boarding school. It would seem that something should be done at once for the Stewardship. Mr Wood & myself had a conversation in regard to the arrangements which seemed to be best, & we both thought that you ought to be relieved from the care of the school, that you may give yourself "wholly" to other labors. And we also thought it desirable to appoint Mr. Copeland superintendent, & to place the institution very much upon the basis of the one at Stockbridge.

But this was upon the supposition that he would return this fall. From your letter I infer that probably he will be obliged to remain at the north with Mrs C. through the winter. Mrs E. cannot probably go back; & Miss Wright wishes to leave in the fall. What then is to be done?

The school ought not to be suspended for a year; & we do not wish to do any thing that may seem discourteous to Mr & Mrs C. whom we highly respect. If we could confer with them

all might be explained & arranged satisfactorily. Brother is out of the question without great loss of time. Again we are brought to the question, what is to be done?

We see but one way of making a sure provision for the school, that is for you to obtain a man & his wife, who will go on this fall with you. If Mr & Mrs C. shall be able to go back next year there will very likely be a place for them. I think their love for the missionary work will rejoice that a certain provision is made for Wheelock next year.

You are at liberty to secure a man & his wife for the place; & I will thank you to explain the matter to Mr C. if you have an opportunity before I do. Mrs Chamberlain wants a young lady to take charge of girls out of school. If you find one, please to secure her, if we shall not first have obtained one. In case of our success we will inform you. Mrs Hobbs ought to have aid. I fear she will faint by the way before help reaches her. But Mr Wood has that matter in charge. You may have something of a party to take back with you.

That visit! When shall I have it? Mr Wood wishes to see you very much, & talk over his visit to the mission. Can you come to N.Y. & Boston within the next 4 weeks? After that my family may be broken up for 7 weeks. I am happy to say that all difficulties affecting the mission are in a fair way. I think we shall move on harmoniously. Kind regards to all to whom I hope to see & know. Truly yours S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
June 13. 1855.

Rev. W. Willey
Cherokees — Dear Brother

I have kept the accompanying letter by me, thinking that I might have occasion to write again. I send it, however, without waiting longer. Hope you will send your report at once.

Most truly
S. B. Treat

P. S. Let Miss Swain's school be duly reported.

Mis. House Boston
June 13. 1855.

Rev C. Kingsbury
Choctaws. — Dear Brother

Yours of April 30 with the Statistics I have received, & I thank you therefore. The Lord has been very gracious to your churches. Let him be praised for his goodness!

And I would especially praise him for the result of Bro. Wood's visit. Your platform is entirely satisfactory to me; & I presume it will be so to the Comee. Of their opinion I shall apprise you some 2 weeks hence, when Mr. Wood submits his written report. But I see light ahead. I am ready now to face any man who assails us.

Missionary House, Boston, May 13. 1856.

Rev. E. Hotchkin,

Choctaws.

Dear Brother.

Your favor of April 27 came duly to hand; & I have since seen our good Br. Wood. Rejoice exceedingly in the success of his visit. The principles adopted by the mission are quite satisfactory to me. Do you remember a conversation we had on the Boston Common? You said all that I desired. But others would not say as much at that time. Hence we have all of us had since hard schooling. I have worried over this Choctaw problem far more than I have over any other trouble. But I trust that all will be well now. "Sweet is pleasure after pain".

You have doubtless received a line from Mr. Gordon in regard to your account. I presume I have no occasion to say any thing on that subject. Your view of the necessity in regard to your location, I have laid before the Comm^ee & they approve of the course therein recommended. According to our rules, we should have estimates (from the mission) of the expense needed in commencing buildings for a new station, as also of the amount needed for the support of the family living at the station. I trust you will see that we have the necessary data for our action. If

you can bring the matter before [illegible] in [illegible] meeting, we can include them all properly in our [illegible] for 1858, which is better for us.

You refer to my use of "facts & the voice of the brethren." If you refer to my letter, you will see that the words occur in a paragraph wherein I speak of your possible desire to have the reasons for some things in your letters had led me to suppose that you might have this desire. If you did, here we wanted the facts & voice of the brethren, standing your usage in all such cases. We have as much confidence in your disinterestedness as in any man's. But we have a painful conviction that some brethren will take more money sometimes than they ought to have; hence we must have certain regulations, which must be applied to the most careful & conscientious as well as to those who are the least so. When we have done all that we can, we cannot stop all the leakages. There are some strange people in the world. But I should say that the Choctaw mission has a very good character with the Com^ee in these matters, & you especially.

I wrote to you in respect to the property which the Genl Assembly's Board propose to buy a few weeks since. Hope I shall have your reply soon. Let me hear from you often.

Christian love to Mrs. W.

As ever, most sincerely yours

S. B. Treat

~~Miss. Hebbs~~ [illegible]

June 13. 1853.

Rev. H. V. Rankin
Ckr. [illegible]. —

Dear Brother

Yours of [illegible] is before me. You need not be afraid of writing to me with frankness, if you will let me write back with equal frankness. Nor need you fear any undue partiality on my part towards Mr W. I consented to his return very reluctantly; & the case has not improved since. I am sadly perplexed as to what is best; but have certain thoughts which may come to something hereafter. We shall see. I have written to him in regard to his course since he left Boston, & buying expenditures, without the action of the mission. He will not relish the letter at all. He did not like me too well before, & now I shall be out of his books utterly.

I am not accustomed to write thus about missionaries; but Mr W. is like no other man in the world, & one exception begets another. But all this is for you & Mrs R. alone.

Miss Hall has returned safely, & somewhat improved. I expect to see her again, when she comes from her sisters, (Rehoboth.) which may be any day.

I will try to send a teacher to you; but it is not so easy a matter as you think. I have almost resolved not to send out a single female

without company. This Cincinnati plan might work well; or it might not. The Arkansas River is very uncertain, as you know. Suppose steam boats go up. Before I can get a lady there, it will probably be down again. And then what is her predicament? I have given up all thought of sending ladies to the Choctaw mission, except with male protectors.

I may have a chance to send a teacher for you to Little Rock in Sept. or Oct.; if so, I will try to get her to that point. Then Dr Hodge can take charge of her.

I hope Mrs R. will not injure her health by teaching. You must see to it that she does not. Mrs Hobbs has erred in that direction.

I am very sorry that you did not see Mr. Wood. I supposed of course that you would meet. The Choctaw adjustment has my entire approbation. The platform agreed upon at the Ridge is all that I have desired. Its adoption by your mission is entirely satisfactory. This source of trouble, therefore, is dried up.

Please to assure Mrs. Ranney of my affectionate regards.

Very truly & sincerely, yours in the fellowship of the Gospel

S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
June 13. 1853.

Rev. C. Byington
Choctaws. — Dear Brother,

Yours of the 8th of May have received, with the Yashu petition. We will try to send there a missionary this fall, though I am not quite certain just now.

Rev. S. Hall's P.O. address is Sauk Rapids, Minnesota Territory. He is a lonely missionary there.

I am very thankful for the results of Mr. Wood's visit. The principles adopted are satisfactory to me; & I doubt not they will be to the Com^{ee}. Mr. Wood will make a written report June 24. & I will then write to the mission, stating the action of the Com^{ee}.

Kind regards to Mrs. B. Truly yours, S. B. Treat

Miss. House. Boston

June 13. 1855

Miss Abby W. Denison

Monson, Maine. — Dear Miss D.

Rev Mr Ranney,

of the Cherokee mission, writes that he is in need of a teacher at his station; & he thinks it possible that you may be willing to engage in this work. Is it so? Will you have the goodness to inform me?

Should you be willing to go to Mr. Ranney's aid, I will thank you to give me a brief history of your life, your labors & success as a teacher, with references to persons who are well acquainted with you. Excuse the brevity of this letter. I am very busy.

Very truly yours

S. B. Treat. Sec. ABCFM

Mis. House Boston
June 14 1855

Rev H. A. Wentz
Cherokees. – Dear Br.

I have heard of you through Mr. Wood; but I do not learn what your plans are definitely. Perhaps the matrimonial affair is advancing satisfactorily. I am told that Mr. Orr is intending to leave Fairfield; if so, what is to be done? But I trust the Lord will make some provision.

I hope you have sent the materials for a report. If not, will you please to answer the letter sent herewith as soon as may be?

Kind regards to all.

Fraternally &c

S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
June 15 1855

Mr A. G. Lansing
Choctaws. — Dear Brother.

Your annual report I trust is tending towards the Miss House. If not, please to give it this direction as soon as may be. That you may know what we need, I send certain questions, which would have gone earlier, but for my pressing engagements. You will see Mrs Lansing's picture in the Day-Spring. It looks well.

I am quite satisfied with the adjustment made at Pine Ridge by the mission & Mr Wood. And the Com^{ee} will sanction it. I have no doubt. Praise the Lord for this thing! Kind regards to Mrs L. Yours very S B Treat

Miss. House, Boston

Miss. House Boston
June 15. 1855

Rev. C. C. Stark
Choctaws. — Dear Bro.

I hope your report for the past year is on the way to the Miss. House. If not, give it no peace, I pray you, till it is in Uncle Sam's mail bags.

Bro Wood has returned & reported verbally. The Com^ee will wait for a written report before acting finally & definitely. But I have no doubt they will approve the plan agreed upon by him & the brethren. I told the Com^ee I was perfectly satisfied with the platform, & was in favor of going on with the schools. I rejoice greatly at the result. I feel that a heavy load has been removed from my spirits. In haste Yours S B Treat

Miss. Rooms. Bost

June 15th 1855

Rev C. C. Copeland,

Choctaws. — Dear Brother,

I trust you have sent me your report for our Annual Report before this. If not, please to forward it without delay.

Bro. Wood has returned & made a verbal report to the Comee. On the 1st Tuesday of June he will submit a written report, when the Comee will act definitely. Have no doubt they will express themselves satisfied & gratified with the result. Hold the Comee I was perfectly satisfied with the platform, & I was in favor of going on with the schools till the obnoxious law shall start into life. I rejoice greatly at the issue.

Kind regards &c. C. Truly yours S. B. Treat

[illegible] Mission [illegible]
June 1[illegible], 18[illegible].

Rev. S. [illegible]
Secretary —

Dear Brother,

To begin with the close of your last, May 28, I will say that July 1 is a convenient time for closing statistics; though it is not very material whether you take that date or June 1, provided uniformity is observed.

This matter of slavery has come into a shape that I really did not anticipate with any confidence. Mr Wood drew up a statement of principles, the same as those embodied in the Treat letter, telling the missionaries, Choctaw & Cherokee, that they were the same, & lo! all adopted it without alteration. Mr Kingsbury pleaded earnestly to be let alone. Mr Byington would have preferred that course; but the rest marched up to the work, & the result is what I have stated. After a seven years' waiting, here we are at last!

Of course, in these circumstances, there is but one way open for us. If the missions adopt our principles we must give them an opportunity to work them out. If they are not honest in this, we must call them to an account afterwards. For the present our course is plain.

It is no small achievement to get such principles recognized and adopted by a mission so situated. How would such a platform go in the Southern States?

You will ask perhaps, "Where is the [illegible] [illegible] in health now?" I do not know. If we were both we could put that paper in a right place. But probably we shall not go out of our way to circulate it or the contrary. It has its mission; we will not quarrel with it.

Please to present to the [illegible] my [illegible] of my continued interest in them & respect for them.

As ever, your brother in the Lord,

S. B. Treat

Mission House Boston
Jany 16, 1855.

Rev. A. Bliss
Honolulu H.I. Dear Brother

Yours of May
4 has been received, but it came so late
that I concluded to keep it for the
Annual Report, into which it will
work very well. Hope you will write
again & give me statistics, &c, for our
Report; in short, whatever we need.
Mr B. F. Hall, I suppose, will speak
of the school. Please to jog his
memory in this regard.

Please to remember me kindly & affectionately to Mrs. Bliss & your family.

Yours very truly,

S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
June 15. 1855.

Mr. J. S. Chamberlain

Rev. [illegible] — Dear Brother.

[illegible] your letter of May 11. We will think of what can be done to secure a lady for you, who shall take Miss Sturges's place; but it is a hard niche to fill. I hope we shall obtain one [illegible] with you in earnest.

The slavery question seems to be adjusted. The platform is satisfactory here, & I presume it will be to the Com^ee. I shall rejoice greatly, if the arrangement accomplishes all I hope from it.

Affectionate regards to Mrs C. & all with you. Very truly yours

S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
June 16. 1855

Rev. S. R. Riggs
Dakotas.

Miss. House Bost.
June 16. 1855

Rev. L. H. Wheeler
Odjibwa. — Dear Brother

Your letter of April 23 & May 3 I have rec'd. Thousand thanks. But I wrote to Mr Stewart immediately, & he replied that he would write & set the matter in its true light. I suppose he has done so.

Your report I trust is on the way to the Miss. House. If not, please to send it as soon as may be.

Kind regards to Mrs. W. & all of [illegible] you.

Very truly yours

S. B. Treat

June 16. 1853.

Rev. S. R. Riggs

[illegible]

Dear Brother.

Yours of April 18th has been received & read with interest — the details of your labors, & the notices of my brethren, are just what I like. I seem to see the whole machinery, in its daily routine, steadily at work, with a little jarring now & then; but that is to be expected, & so it occasions no surprise. Paul & Simon I have constantly in mind. Say to them from me that my prayer in their behalf is that they may be faithful servants of Christ, true helpers to the missionaries, & zealous laborers for the salvation of their people.

I suppose your report for the year, to assist in the preparation of our annual report, is on the way to the Missy. House. If not, please to excite its tardiness, & dispatch it with all speed. Whatever the Israelites may have done, we cannot make bricks without straw.

The Choctaw mission have adopted the principles of our June 22 '48 letter, & we have the prospect of a pleasant cooperation. The majority are decided anti-slavery men. They have admitted but 3 slave holders in 7 years, (tho the whole no. of admissions must have been at least 600,) & they were received in accordance with our letter! They have acted better than some of those have talked. May God bless the mission.

The Presbyterians [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] an account for the Congregational [illegible] [illegible]. The matter is not understood; [illegible] they have [illegible] [illegible] matters for a time; but I think all will settle down at last. Your Dakota Presbytery, I [illegible], will not wish to join the New School body. If it could do so conscientiously, it might relieve the case somewhat. How is it?

Much love to Mrs. R. the children [illegible] with you, & also the people who remember me.

As ever, very truly

Yours

S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston, June 26. 1855.

Mr. Jacob Hitchcock,
Park Hill, Cher. Na.

Dear Sir.

Your favor of May 15 I have received & read with attention. The course of things at Dwight is not what I expected; & I do not think the Pru. Com^ee will be in favor of continuing the station according to the present arrangements. What we shall do, I am not able to say.

I am glad that you have concluded to remain in the Cherokee station. It is pleasant thus to have our missionaries cast in their lot with the people whom they have taught & benefited by their labors. This has been done to a good degree at the Sand. Islands, with happy results.

In the matter of allowance, I am not sure that I take the meaning of your letter. If I understand you, $700 have been received already in cash; & you have a number of the Dwight stock of cattle, supposed to be worth $150. I also understand you to intimate that if the Com^ee "will be liberal enough to give" you "the cattle," you will be satisfied. Am I right? If you answer, "Yes," I feel pretty sure that we shall say, "It is a reasonable allowance for one who has labored so long & faithfully, & we cheerfully make it."

As soon as I know your views with certainty I shall hope to obtain the action of the Com.ee I await your reply accordingly.

Please to assure Mrs. H. of my affectionate regards. Remember [illegible] to your son & his wife as ever,

most sincerely

Yours

N. B. Kent

P.S. Please to say to Mr. Worcester that I have his letter of April 25, which does not require a special answer. I shall probably write to the written [illegible] on the slavery subject. The platform presented by Mr. Wood, & adopted by the two meetings, is entirely satisfactory to me, & therefore it will be to the Com.ee. They will act upon it, June 26. I suppose Mr. Wood will then submit a written report.

Can you come to Boston Saturday or Monday next? If so,

Miss. House, Boston,
June 14. 1855.

Rev C C Torrey
Waterbury, Vt. Dear Bro.

Your last I received a few days ago, & have been hoping to be able to say something definite in reply; but I am not able to do so on all points. That we shall want you to go somewhere is quite clear; but the mission is not so patent. I hope, however, that we shall have some questions (antecedent) resolved very soon. If you go to an Indian mission, you will not need to start till after the meeting of the Board. But you may expect to hear from me in a few days again. The slavery question is in a fair way of adjustment. Very fraternally yours

S. B. Treat

Can you come to Boston Saturday or Monday next? If so, come by all means.

Miss. House Boston

June 18 1855

Rev. J. [illegible]
Bath N.Y.

Dear Bro.

I have just received yours of the 16th. I write to say that I may be absent a few days, say from June 27 to July 10. I am advised strongly to visit Sharon Springs, as I have had an attack of acute rheumatism, & am not fully over it. If I go away, it must be next week, if at all.

I shall hope to see you, however. Mr Wood will come to Boston next Monday P.M. & remain a day or two. You can know my movements at the Miss. Rooms, New Bible House.

Truly yours S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston,
June 21. 1855.

Rev. Cushing Eells,
Oregon Territory

Your favor of April 21 has been duly received. I thank you for the information you have given in regard to the Indians; & shall be happy to hear from you again in this regard. [illegible] from your [illegible] before [illegible] the same. You [illegible] from the time for [illegible] no formal relation to the Board. We thank you for your generous donation [illegible] your continued interest [illegible] that we have no [illegible] save those which are pleasant [illegible] favorable to you. May the Lord bestow his choicest blessings upon you & yours.

All earthly labors & relations must soon pass away. We are specially reminded of this by the death of our good brother Hale, who has been Editor of the Journal of Missions & Youth's Dayspring since 1850. He died in peace; for he was eminently meek & humble, & so the Lord sustained him.

Christian love to all your Co. Fraternally yours, S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
June 21. 1855.

Rev. C. C. Torrey
Westcot. V.

Dear Brother.

Can you come to Boston early next week? I expect to leave the city Wednesday, P. M., but I should be glad to see you before I go. Perhaps we can settle the question of designation.

Mr. Wood, our N. Y. Sec., will be here, having recently returned from the Choctaw & Cherokee country.

In haste
Most truly yours

S. B. Treat

Mis. House Boston
[illegible] Boston,
June 21. 1855.

Rev. Cushing Eells
Oregon Territory

Dear Brother

Your favor of April 21 has been duly received. I thank you for the information you have given in regard to the Indians; & I shall be happy to hear from you again in this regard.

Your request to be released from your connection with the Board I have laid before the Comm^ee & they have granted the same. You & Mrs Eells, therefore, sustain from this time forward no formal relation to the Board. We thank you for your generous donation, & solicit your continued interest in us & our labors.

It gives me pleasure to say that we have no impressions respecting yourself & wife save those which are pleasant to us & honorable to you. May the Lord bestow his choicest blessings upon you & yours.

All earthly labors & relations must soon pass away. We are especially reminded of this by the death of our good brother Hale, who has been Editor of the Journal of Missions & Youths Dayspring since 1850. He died in peace; for he was eminently meek & humble, & so the Lord sustained him.

Christian love &c &c. Fraternally yrs S. B. Treat

Mis. House Boston
[illegible]
Jan 29. 1858.

To the Choctaw mission

Dear Brethren.

Messrs G. & C. Merriam, of Springfield, Ms. have done many worthy deeds; & now they have sent us 250 copies of the Annals of the Poor, in different bindings. This book, as you know, is made up of the tracts of Legh Richmond, unabridged, with a brief biography of the author, & an interesting account of his visit to the scenes described in the tracts. It is a very pleasant & profitable compilation.

I have supposed that some of these copies could be usefully disposed of in your mission, especially in your boarding schools. A part of them are very prettily bound; & such might be given out as presents & rewards. Each of the mission families, & some of the Choctaws, will be glad to get them. I have no doubt that more might be had, if desired. Should you wish to receive another bundle, please to inform me. None are sent at the present time.

Very truly & fraternally yours

S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston, June 29. 1859.

To the Choctaw Mission

Dear Brethren

It gives me great pleasure to inform you of the action of the Com^ee on Mr. Treat's written report. The paper was read in Com^ee yesterday P.M. & after a few remarks made by him & others, the following resolution was adopted:

"Resolved, That the result of Mr. Treat's visit to the Choctaw & Cherokee missions meets with the entire approval of the Com^ee; & that we see no reason why entire harmony may not, in time to come, exist between us & the brethren in those missions."

In justice to the Com^ee I ought to say that this simple vote, being a memorandum for our weekly records, does not embody all that they feel. They rejoice greatly, & give thanks to Him who is our Wisdom, as well as our Righteousness, for this issue. They see that the hand of the Lord is clearly in the matter; & they believe that a blessing is in store for you & for us. We do not suppose that we are to be free from doubts & accusations; this we have not expected. But we feel that we have a strong position; hence we thank God & take courage.

And I may add that the trials through which you & we have passed, & the fears that you & we have at times indulged, are only strengthening

the ties that bind us to each other; at least we are sure that it is so on our part. This community of suffering worketh a more enduring affection.

For myself, I may say, what I have already intimated to some of you, that I contemplate our present relations with great satisfaction. The Lord has brought us out into a large place; & therein let us rejoice.

As I am to leave town in a few hours for Sharon Springs, where I stop to seek relief from my rheumatic troubles, I cannot write more at length.

I remain, as ever, most truly,
Your brother & fellowlaborer
in the gospel

S. B. Treat
Sec. of the A.B.C.F.M.

Mis[sion] House Boston
June 27. 1853.

Rev. M. Palmer M.D.
Fairfield, Huron Co. O.

Dear Brother

I have yours of the 13th inst. & yesterday I took the advice of the Com[mitte]e on the matter therein discussed. They cheerfully consent to the following plan. 1. The Board shall pay the expenses of yourself & family to Fairfield. 2. We give you the use of our property there, without compensation, so long as you perform the duties of a faithful missionary. Of course you will expect to keep the buildings & fences in tenantable repair. 3. Further than this, we do not assume any responsibility for the support of missionary operations. You get what you can from the mission premises, & from the people.

On the other hand, you are not subject to our direction or control. Your relations to the mission will be those of a "corresponding member." It will be important that the people understand this point. If they feel that you are their pastor, not our missionary, they will do much more for you.

"Shall we have no right to interfere?" No, so long as you are a faithful laborer, in good standing, doing the proper work of your

station. If you shall become an unworthy member of it, or shall neglect the work which you undertake, we shall be justified in [illegible] leaving our claims for any restoration of the premises.

I cannot enlarge now; nor need I. You have the plan sufficiently before you for the present. If you need more light on any point, I will try to give it.

I shall be absent about 2 weeks from this date. At the end of that time I shall be glad to hear from you. As soon as I know your decision, I will write to the mission. If you decide to go, please to say when you will like to be at Fairfield, that the way may be clear.

Very truly yours

S. B. Treat

station. If you should become an unworthy minister of Christ, or should neglect the work which you undertake, we should be justified in urging our claims for a restoration of the premises.

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Very truly yours,

S. B. Treat

Mis. House, Boston
Jany 27. 1855

Miss S. W. Hall
Fall River, Ms.

Dear Miss H.

Yours
your favor of the 26th & briefly reply
as I am just going away for two weeks.
1. Your note to Dr. J. I duly forwarded.
2. Your watch I send herewith.
3. John Worcester went to St Johnsbury;
more I do not know. I cannot see Mr
S. B. W. as he is in deep affliction having
lost his son, to be buried tomorrow.
4. Your papers have not come as yet.
I think Mr Palmer will go to
Springfield, tho' the matter is not settled.
He thinks favorably of my plans.
Yours in great haste
S. B. Treat

Miss. Home Miss.

Jan 27th 1855

Rev C. C. Torrey
Wolcott, Vt.

Dear Bro.

I am sorry that I did not see you before Messrs. Hopkins, Wood, & Mr Edwards, of the Choctaw mission, are here, & we could talk over matters very advantageously.

I now propose that you go to the Choctaw mission, & take the place which Mr. Byington began to occupy & then left. It is a more interesting mission than the Cherokee; & we have adjusted all along matters. The mission have taken our ground substantially.

The time to go will be the coming autumn. Mr. Edwards will return then, & perhaps you can accompany him.

I send herewith the petition of the Yashu people & Mr Byington's letter. These will give you some idea of the case. Also the last Annual Report also.

Let me hear from you soon. I shall be absent two weeks. If you say, "speed", I will have you designated for the Choctaw mission; so you may get ready at your leisure.

Fraternally Yrs

S. B. Treat

P. S. Please to return the papers sent herewith.

Miss. Hand Boston
July 16. 1855

Rev. S. P. Langworthy
Chilton, Mass.—

Dear Bro. Lang

On my return from Sharon Springs, where I have been trying the "brimstone cure", I find a letter from Miss Peck, who has charge of the Tuscarora boarding school, in which she gives some of the information which your ladies have desired. I send an extract herewith. Mrs T. the boys & myself are residents of Andover for a short time. The Hill is as beautiful as ever.

Kindest regards to Mrs L.

Fraternally yours
L. B. Treat

Mis. Home Board
July 16. 1855.

Rev. J. L. Wilson D.D.—
Sec. Assembly's Missions

Dear Brother.

I have at length received a letter from Mr. Hotchkin, in regard to the property which he is to transfer to his successor, consisting of school books, stationery, &c. He makes the amount just $300. If you are content therewith, we are. I presume he intends [illegible] the impartial.

I know of no other claims which we shall or can justly make, as against your Board.

Please to suit your own convenience in paying Mr. Morrison.

Very truly yours S. B. Treat

Mis. House Boston
July 19th 1855.

Rev. J. J. Porter
Secretary —

Dear Brother

Your letters of June 30 & July 11. I found awaiting my return from Sharon Springs, N.Y. where I went for a few days that I might make some disturbing impression upon my rheumatism. None of a letter (omitted to date) I have received since I came back.

The report is full & complete, I believe; but I wish you had a better account to give of matters in your Reg'n. I shall gladly read what you have to say in the promised letter. For it is quite clear that at some time the question must come up, "Are we justified in expending so much money, in such circumstances?"

In regard to the slavery question, I may say, "Don't take the N.Y. Observer as authority on any question in which the matter is concerned." The Evangelist & Independent understand the matter; some partly say not, & partly will not. We shall bring the whole case before the public at Utica; & all may see where the truth is, if they will have patience. We have not intended to mislead any one; if we have done so, it was because we did not understand ourselves.

I have conferred with the Com'te in regard to the

those "honorable women"; whose case you mention. They are not willing to adopt your plan. After the sort of work which those good sisters have done, & the sort of spirit they have exhibited, & the sort of pay they have received, we think it does not become us to say, "We will give you $15 to visit friends." That be far from us! We go for economy; but there is such a thing as a proper & appreciating recognition of a valued service; & we do give them the whole of $25 each, if they need it; and don't let them feel any oppressive weight of gratitude toward us; for we regard the obligation as on our side. If they will be content, so will we be.

How warm in your region? We are having very hot weather, & this is our time for preparing for the annual meeting! Missionaries have some shady sides that we have not; but getting ready for that meeting in the hottest, sultriest part of the year is our sole privilege.

Kindest regards to Mrs. P. & all with you.

As ever most truly yours

S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
July 19. 1858

Rev E. L. Boing
Almont, Mich. Dear Bro.

Your favor of July 5 has been received & laid before the Pru. Comm. In accordance with your request, Mrs. Boing & yourself are released from your connection with the Board. Had her health been adequate, we should have been glad to send you to another field. As it is, I have no doubt that the Lord's will directs you to the home field. In that, I trust, you will be eminently faithful & useful, remembering the heathen always.

It gives me pleasure to reciprocate the kind feelings expressed in your letter, & I earnestly pray that the Great Head of the Church will greatly bless you & your

Kindest regard to Mrs. B. Fraternally yours S. B. Treat

Miss. Rooms, Boston

July 24. 1855.

Rev M. Palmer M.D

Fitchville, Huron Co. O.

Dear Bro.

June 27 I wrote the accompanying letter to you. As I have received no answer, I infer that it may have miscarried. I addressed you at Fairfield, because yours of June 13 was dated there. Let me hear from you at your earliest convenience; also, if you decide to go, what your plans are.

Truly yours

S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston

July 25, 1855.

Mr. B. F. Hall,

[illegible] Dear Brother

I have yours of July 6. The statistics are complete; but I should be glad to know how the boarding school is doing; also how the Old Town school succeeds. May I hear from you very soon on these points?

The question which you propose, has been duly considered. We do not object to the performance of secular work by missionaries, if it do not hinder their usefulness as missionaries. This is the criterion. If you can do a little good as superintendent of schools, & still do as much in your missionary character, we see no objection. Suppose this meets the case. Kind regards to all. Fraternally yours, S. B. Treat

Miss. Rooms Boston
July 25, 1855.

Rev. A. Bliss
Seneca. — Dear Bro.

Your favor of July 2, has duly received. We then have all the materials for a report on the Seneca mission, so far as your Res. is concerned. The Catt. letters are rather tardy.

I am pained by some of the developments on your Res.n We doubtless have our hopes disappointed by the backslidings of those who have been esteemed by us as good Christians. But we must be too much cast down. It is the Lord's work that we are doing, & he will take care of it. Affect. regards to Mrs. Bliss.

Fraternally yrs, S. B. Treat

Miss. Hou. Bost.
July 25. 1855.

Rev S. A. Worcester
Cherokees.— Dear Brother

Your letters of June 20 & 21 are before me. The report comes to be completed ... not written the Cherokee part of the General Report, & so have not looked for you. Specimens, however, it is all that I need. From the other stations I have nothing.

I am glad to hear of your improved health. We have felt some fears that your illness might be protracted; but God is far better to us than our desires.

I have seen the Indian Com^r Report, &c. &c. Such statements, I should hope, will do no harm in the end. But how strangely matters get out of shape by means of a little type! I am more & more persuaded that the silent policy is the best for us at the Miss. House, (I do not mean lowly to reflect upon yours,) Mr Holden published a letter of mine, without my consent. What a series of articles has followed! How little is religion honored by it!

Dr Palmer was about to settle down in Ohio, or somewhere else in the state, when we proposed to him to go back to Fairfield. Have not received his final answer. We want Mr Ferry very much for the Choctaw mission. We ask for men's distinctly, 14 for the Armenian mission, 6 for Madura, &c. &c.

Kind regards to Mrs W. & all with you. Truly, S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston,
July 25. 1855

Rev. S. Gleason,
Seneca — Dear Brother.

Yours of the 10th [illegible] received. I am sorry to hear of your illness; but we always have this consolation in such cases, that we are dealt with much better than we deserve. And then we can get a great deal of good out of these ailments. Why do we not always make use of it? Our God is not like one of us. He makes no hard bargains with his people; but they may ever gain by his dealings with them.

Please to remember that reports for your Reservations, & [illegible] Mr. Wright's Mission. Churches must reach [illegible] this.

Truly yours S. B. Treat,

Miss. House, Boston
July 25. 1855.

Rev. E. Hotchkin
Choctaw. Dear Bro.

Yours of the 11th ult. have received; & others proposed to settle on the [illegible] Bend according to your statement all will be right, I presume.

You have doubtless received mine of June 13, which will put an end to the desperation of "patience", & enable you to build "log houses" with something more available. If that letter fails to reach you, let me know it immediately.

Kind regards to Mrs. H. & all with you.

Fraternally yours
S. B. Treat

brought out serious difficulty, [illegible]
& perhaps we can find some way [illegible]
[illegible] communication.

Letter of Dr [illegible] made no allusion to the wishes of Messrs Robinson & Dougherty [illegible] laid them before the Com^ee. [illegible]

Have received letters of July 10 & 20, as also the letter of Prof. Storey, with those of Rev. S. Robinson & Rev. J. Dougherty. I was daily expecting a communication from Dr. [illegible] formerly of the Cho. Mission, which I was anxious to receive before settling the designation question definitely & maturely. I proposed to him, some weeks ago to take the Fairfield station on the self-supporting plan, i.e. paying the expenses of himself & family to the station & giving him the use of our property, while he gets from the people as a minister & as a physician what he can. He replied favorably; & thereupon the Com^ee authorized me to make a formal offer of the station with a more definite specification of the terms. I supposed I should receive an answer of acceptance two weeks ago; & cannot account for his silence. [illegible] I hope to hear from him very soon. I entertain no doubt as to the character of the reply, unless some unexpected Providence shall interpose a hindrance. But I should prefer to know definitely that Fairfield is provided for, before we designate you to the Choctaws.

Still we ought not to keep you in suspense, & I think you had better act upon the presumption that you will go to the Choctaw mission. If we hear

Miss. Hanna Barton

brought out serious difficulty ... but you know;
& probably may yet find some way to adjust matters satis-
factorily to all concerned.

Thus far there would be no objection to the wishes of Messrs Robinson & Dougherty. Have laid their letters before the Com.tee & we have considered them, making but seeing the urgent wants of the Indian work, we do think that you had better engage in it at once. Supposing Fairfield to be provided for, the claims of these Creeks are very strong; there would be economy [illegible] in postponing your settlement among them. Then there is the language. We want you to master that; & the sooner you begin, the better. It is not very difficult, & I think you will succeed without question. We feel sure that if those good brethren knew the Indian side as well as they do the Vermont side of the question, they would say, "Go, & the Lord be with you."

You did perfectly right in permitting them to ask a reconsideration of the question of your immediately engaging in the Indian work. Our confidence in you is not in the least impaired by what you have done. My delay in writing was owing to Dr. B's delay.

Now as to outfit. You & Mrs. T. will need to take a good supply of clothing, linen, &c &c as for housekeeping in a small way in Vt. - as to furniture, & in fact outfit generally, I think you had better write to Rev. John Edwards, Bath, Steuben Co. N.Y. He will be your neighbor & can tell you all about it. Hope you will go with him. When you want funds for outfit, let me know. Perhaps as I hear from Dr. B. I will write again. Truly yours S.B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
[illegible]
July 26, 1855.

Rev. L. H. Wheeler
Bad River. —

Dear Brother.

Yours of July 9 containing your report have rec'd & [illegible] thankful that you can state so hopeful a view of your field & your prospects. We may yet see brighter days at Bad River.

Your letter of July 7 I have read & re-read with special interest & care. I doubt whether the Com. Committee, are prepared to say just how much they will do for the Ojibwas in your vicinity for want of facts. They have accomplished so little for north-western Indians, with all their efforts & expenditures, that they have grown rather cautious. They will need, therefore, fuller information.

I shall be happy to receive such information. How many Indians are there, or are likely to be, at Bad River? How many at the other places? What is the state of the other bands as to religion, heathenism &c.? What miss. force would be needed? What will they [illegible] do? Will the Methodists take the other places? Other matters will occur to you.

It will be difficult to increase our force on Lake Superior. Western Asia calls loudly for help. 10 missionaries are wanted for the Armenian mission! 6 for Madura! But we have not got them. But more hereafter. Kind regards to Mrs. W. & Miss Spooner. Truly yours, S. B. Treat

Mission House, Boston.
July 26, 1858.

Rev. L. H. Wheeler —
Bad River. —

Dear Brother

Yours of June 30 has been duly rec'd. And let me first dispose of the postscript. Mr Gordon says you had better send your draft back immediately, & we will see whether any thing can be realized. A part must be lost, I presume; but possibly a part may be saved, by applying to Adams & Co in N.Y.

I am sorry to hear of your illness. I most sincerely hope & earnestly pray, that you may not lose the sight of your remaining eye. Blindness is a sore trial; but if God sends it upon us, it will be well. He makes no mistakes! How unlike poor man!

I am glad to hear that you have more encouragement in your work than there was formerly. The Lord add his rich blessing! So few of the Ojibwas have rec'd the gospel, it will be a great boon, if God will incline any number of them to bow to the sceptre of his Son. We may see such a sight, if we believe.

Affecte. regards to Mrs W.

As ever, my dear bro

Yours

S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston, [illegible]

Rev. S. R. Riggs
Dakota.

Dear Brother

I have your letter of May 23-5 before me, as also your report for the year that is past. The last does not show quite as much progress as I hoped to see; but on the whole, I think you have reason to be encouraged.

I earnestly pray that there may be the sound of an abundance of rain in your region. The want of this article is bad enough any where; but among poor, improvident Indians it is exceedingly needful. But the Lord has his own plans; & these sometimes reach far beyond our feeble vision.

I was exceedingly interested in that "tea party." What a topic for such a gathering! Dressing in white man's clothes! But it was well. I have no doubt. I hope to hear of pleasant & lasting results from such a beginning. That stated subscription puzzles me. The figures say $225, not $2.25. Now the last sum would not be very large; but the first seems to me to be enormous, unless the white man's aid is included therein. If your Indians have subscribed $225, expecting to pay so much, it is marvelous. And if they actually shall pay it, I shall think that the Lord has, indeed, a blessing in store for you

wrote you, Aug 14. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] had
[illegible] off from the [illegible]. I requested Mr. [illegible]
to [illegible] as a teacher for you, & communicate
with you on the subject. Probably he has done so.
We are also making inquiry.

I congratulate you on the accompanying [illegible]
Mrs Riggs. May he be a manifold blessing to you
& the world. We have had seven children; but
four are not, for the Lord had need of them.

Affectionate remembrances to Mrs Riggs & the children.

Very lovingly,

Your brother in the Lord

S. B. Treat

Miss. Rooms; Boston
July 30. 1855.

Rev. Thos. S. Williamson M.D.
Dakota Mission.—

Dear Brother

Yours of June 13 has come safely to hand, containing your report for the year. I have read this document with very great interest. I should have been glad to see a little more progress; but I do not know that I am at all disappointed. If the [illegible] should be drawn, the effect will be unfavorable; so if the gov't should be as dilatory as it has been. Still there is clear & palpable ground of encouragement. Let us thank God therefore, & take courage.

I am sorry to hear that Mr. Prescott has resigned his office, unless he is to be useful to the Indians in some other capacity. Good men are very much wanted in such places. I fear you will gain nothing in the exchange of Mr Robertson for a new man.

We are in the midst of our preparation for the annual meeting. You will not expect me, therefore, to write at much length.

Please to present my affectionate regards to Mrs W. your sister & family

Very truly your brother in Christ
S. B. Treat

Miss. Rooms Boston Aug. 4, 1855.

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Aug. 4. 1855.

Mr H. K. Copeland
Granville, Ohio.

Dear Brother

Yours of July 9 from Springfield [illegible] confirmed that mine of June 5 had not reached you. A line to Mrs. W. was dated June 13; yet this, I presume, has arrived. The Com^ee gave the permission which you requested.

Mr. Edwards will explain to you how the matter stands in regard to the Choctaw stewardship; so I will do nothing till I see you at Utica. We shall send Mr Toomy to Yazoo County; perhaps he will go with Mr Edwards. As I am busy, please excuse my brevity. Kindest regards to Mrs. C. S. B. Treat

Mis. House, Bethany

[illegible] Aug. 4th 1858 [illegible]

To the Choctaw Mission [illegible]

Dear Brethren

The Com.ee on the [illegible] have voted to offer Fairfield station to [illegible] Ferris on the self supporting principle. [illegible] he [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] & relieve you of the necessity of providing therefor.

Our reasons for this course are two. Namely,
1. to economise in our operations by introducing the self supporting plan, wherever we can. In this instance, we pay the expenses of Br. F.'s family to F. We give him the use of the property of the Station, so long as he performs the work of a faithful missionary. Further than this we do not assume any responsibility. In this way, you perceive, we make a considerable saving.

2. We have fewer missionaries by two than we need. One is greatly needed at Yazoo Creek among the Choctaws [illegible]. We have no man whom we can send there but Mr. [illegible]. Hence the Com.ee have felt shut up to this course, & they propose his new destination. As B. takes Fairfield, Mr Worthy is left free for itinerant labors & thereby to supply the chasm in the Choctaw mission.

You may say "Why not send Mr. T.

to F. & let Mr. O. go where there is no station? The answer is given already; & then is the additional reason that Mr. O. would not probably have gone elsewhere. By this plan we save him to the Cherokee field, & give Mr T. to the Choctaws.

We are greatly pressed for missionaries; 14 called by the Armenian mission, 10 needed for Syria, 6 for Madura, &c, &c. We must economize in respect to men, as well as in regard to money.

Mr O. will not be a member of your mission. You will doubtless be glad to receive him at your meetings as a Corr. member. It is our wish that you do so. But he is subject to neither your rules nor ours. This fact will give him an advantage in obtaining a partial support from the people.

The Com^{tee} have assumed, in this action, that Mr. Orr wished to leave F. Though he has not so written to us, we have understood that such was the fact. As Mr. Wentz remains unmarried, he would be left, in such an event, without the personnel for continuing at F. Now he can act upon any part of the nation, & this kind of labor the mission & the Com^{tee} desire, while he is willing to perform it, as we suppose. On the whole, the plan herein set forth commends itself strongly to the Com^{tee} & we think you will approve it.

Very truly your brother in Christ
S. B. Treat.

Miss. Rooms, Boston,
Aug. 4. 1858

Miss. Rooms Boston

Rev. H. A. Wentz
Cherokee — Dear Bro.

We [illegible]
the mission which I send herewith,
will show our plan for it. We are
influenced in part by your intimation
that you may leave the mission.
By the proposed arrangement it is pro-
vided for; & you can terminate your
[illegible] when [illegible] & you
[illegible] can be excused without damage
to the station. I trust you will approve
our action.
We should like to have the
experiment of [illegible] fairly
tried. Will you not give yourself
[illegible] to it?
In haste
Most truly yours
S. B. Treat.

Miss. Rooms, Boston,
Aug. 4. 1855

Miss M. E. [illegible]
Cherokee Mission

Dear Miss A.

I hasten to address you, that your mind may be relieved in regard to the new plan for it. We suppose Mr & Mrs H. wish to leave. Should they do so, Mr. W[illegible] himself, would be [illegible] a family in charge of the station. We offer the station, therefore, to one who will bring a family but, who will perform most of the duty of a missionary.

But what are you to do? Dr. B wish you to remain. You are at liberty to do so, or to leave the station, as you prefer. We consider you honorably discharged from any further obligation to remain among the Cherokees as it is now to pass out of our hands, & will hereafter be on the self supporting plan.

I presume you will hear from Dr. B. on this subject; & you will answer him as you choose. If you elect to return to the north, or if Canada, I shall pay the expenses.

I shall hope to hear from you again at an early day. Meantime I remain

Most Sincerely Yours

S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
Aug 4. 1855.

Miss. House. Boston
Aug 4. 1855.

Mr James Orr
Fairfield. C.N. Dear Bro.

The letter to the missions sent herewith will explain the resolution which the Com^{ee} have adopted for Fairfield. We understand that you do not wish to leave Mr Wesly without a family in which to live. I think the plan will commend itself to your good judgment.

I have sent the [illegible] to [illegible] is [illegible] very [illegible]. I shall hope to hear from you soon. We rejoice that you still have been found ready to feel [illegible] with the Cherokees. Regards to Mrs O. Yrs [illegible]

Miss. Rooms, Boston
Aug 4 1855.

Rev. Jo. Edwards
Bath N. Y. Dear Bro.

Recd your letters of July 21 & 31. The report is in time.

Mr. H. L. Copeland is to be at Granville, Ohio, till Aug 15 & after that at Middleburg Vt. I mention this, that you may know how to address him.

You will have learned that Mr Loring is going to your mission definitely. From all that I have heard since I saw you, my opinion of him has risen. I think he will do well

Kind regards to Mrs E. Yours in L. B. Treat

Miss. Rooms, Boston
August. 4. 1855.

Rev. C. Kingsbury
Choctaws.

Dear Brother.

Your favor of June 11 came duly to hand, as you will have learned through the Herald. I was much gratified with the items which I published. Have since rec^d your report, July 4; & I am sincerely thankful that you are spared to write another such document. How remarkable it is, that the oldest of our missionaries to the Indians survives, while so many have fallen by the way. And Mrs K. also! I believe she has been for many years the eldest of all our missionary females. Is it not something of an honor which God has placed upon you?

We look forward to the Annual Meeting without solicitude. We feel that you have given us solid ground to stand upon; & the mass of our friends & supporters will be harmonious. To me, who have had a personal & peculiar responsibility in this affair, this is a great relief.

We shall send you an ordained missionary, C. C. Torrey, nephew of Prof. Torrey, Burlington, Vt. this fall. He is a good man. Kindest regards to Mrs. K. & all with you. Fraternally yours
S. B. Treat

Miss. Horse Bottom

Aug. 4. 1855.

Rev. C. Byington

Brethren. — Dear Brother

[illegible] Happy

yours of June 11 safely rec'd. Your
report is not too late, because
Bro. [illegible] happens to be
tardy. It is now settled that Mr.
[illegible] will go B.V. to Yazoo
Creek. [illegible] sent him the call,
& he has accepted. Please to say so
to the people. I have confidence
that he will do well. He is devoted,
self-sacrificing, willing to work. He
will not be slow to get the language
of [illegible] he is collecting. Any arrange-
ment you may make made for your
relief, should be approved by the
mission. That will be sufficient

But I beg you not to hinder him in getting the Choctaws. He will need a fair chance. I am almost sorry that Mr Edwards has so many things to do. Mr. Kingsbury will need your aid. Give it, I pray of you.

Being looking forward to the meeting without any solicitude. We are willing to say that the platform assented to by the mission is satisfactory. I believe those brethren honest in adopting it, & will be honest in regard to the hereafter. [illegible] to create an unfavorable impression concerning you in this particular. [illegible] would [illegible] not [illegible]. Regards to all.

G. B. [illegible]

Miss. Rooms, Boston
Aug 4. 1855.

Rev T. C. Ranney
Cherokees —

Dear Brother

Your favor of July 9 [?] I have read with attention & interest. I am glad that you have some encouragement in your field. Would that it were greater!

You speak of the feelings of the Cherokees. But where are we to commence any new stations? "Send Mr. T. to Fairfield, & Dr. P. elsewhere," you will say. But in the existing state of your mission, with its uncertain prospects, he prefers to go to the Choctaws; & we have no one else to send there, tho' a man is needed very much. In the emergency, which presses upon us in all parts of the world, we can do nothing better than send Mr. T. to the Choctaws & Dr Palmer to Fairfield on the self supporting plan. This the Comm^ee have resolved to do. The matter is more fully explained in a letter to the mission sent to Fairfield.

But what about a teacher? I have written to Miss Harrison. She cannot go to Lee's Creek. She wishes to do service as the wife of a missionary, which must be held a fair excuse. I have tried, & am trying, to get some one for you this fall. But in

the straitness of your circumstances, can you not for Miss Denny? I have just written to her to say that she is honorably discharged from her warfare as soon as she wishes to leave. Dr. P. wishes to retain her; still she has a fair title to a release in the circumstances; & I presume she will avail herself of it. But she may be willing to aid you till another is found for the school of your Fourth well of this place, please to confer with her on the subject.

I send herewith a copy of the Slavery platform. The Com^ee have declared it satisfactory to them; & I presume it will be to the mass of our friends. We do not hope to satisfy all.

Please to assure Mrs R. of my affectionate regards.

Ever yours, most truly,
your friend and
brother

S. B. Treat

Miss. Home Boston
Aug 6. 1858.

Rev. Geo. W. [illegible]
[illegible]

Dear Bro.

Mr. Watson presses hard upon me for copy. I want all the documents which have not any [illegible] as soon as may be. But it is not for the reason that I wrote. He wishes to print your report in type, i.e. the [illegible] report, to help forward the Oct. Herald, which he will be driven up. If he has it, he will give slips of it, so that we may have a set for each member of the Com.ee that may be needed. This may be quite desirable. Think of it. There is no great haste.

Truly yrs.

G. B. [illegible]

Miss. House Boston
Nov. 8 1858.

Rev. G. W. Wood
Sec. N. Y. Dear Bro.

In reply to yours of the 7th I would say [illegible] Mr Kingsbury's letter, declining to present ours to the Council, was dated. Sept. 27 & recd. Oct. 20. The advice of the brethren was given at their Sept. meeting. [illegible] We shall be happy to see Mr. Wood any day this week; Friday will be best, perhaps.

I send herewith a check for Mrs. Robertson; which please to send to her, as I do not know what State she is in, her letter being silent. Say to her that the Comm. voted the $100 with great pleasure.

Truly yours
S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
Aug. 8. 1858.

Rev. M. Palmer M.D.
Fitzsville. Ohio. — Dear Bro.

Yours of the 30th July have received. I am glad that you have made up your mind to go to Fairfield. Mr. Torrey is set free hereby to go to the Choctaws, which he prefers. The Lord give his blessing to you both!

In the offer which we made, we did not contemplate any allowance for the school, as you will see by referring to my letter. I supposed that your daughter would probably teach. But we do not mean to give you a hard bargain. If you need any assistance in behalf of the school, we will give it, so long as it may be best to keep up a school.

I have written to Miss Kenney

that she is at liberty to leave &c. if she *desires* to do so, as the station passes out of our hands. I have also said to her that you *wish* her to remain. She will doubtless apprise you of her decision. In the event of her leaving, you can procure another teacher, or we will *pay* her expenses to the nation. After she arrives, we will pay so much as may be really needful.

Fraternally yours

S. B. Treat

Miss. Hon^s, Boston
Aug. 8. 1855.

Mrs. H. B. Wright
Choctaw Mission. Dear Madam.

Your letter of July 10 surprised me, because we supposed that we had fully met your wishes. Such at any rate was our intention. In yours of Feb. 13, you said that you "do not wish to draw" for the $200. allowed for your support during 1855. "This will not be called for by me." was one sentence. We understood from Mr. Wood that you would be willing to receive the same, with $573, as meeting the case perfectly. Hence the Com^ee adjusted the matter as I informed you in mine of June 13.

Yesterday, on my mentioning the facts to the Com^ee they instructed

me to send you a draft for same, as I do Leavenworth. I regret that you ~~should~~ have been disturbed by our mode of doing the business; as we had no thought of giving you the least uneasiness.

Kind regards to all who are with you, and believe me

Most sincerely

Yours

S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Sept 8. 1855

Mr. Allen Wright,
Schodack Landing. N.Y. Dear Bro.

I have yours of July, & reply briefly, as this is our busy season. I conferred with the Com. yesterday in regard to your joining the brethren of the Choctaw mission in their labors, in the manner which I have already mentioned. They will cheerfully pay your expenses to the nation, as I suggested; & they authorize me to confer with you in regard to an outfit at Utica. I should not advise you to take many books at first, but wait & see where you are to be located, what you will need, & then write to the North. A few reading books we will buy for you. But

Miss. Rooms. Boston
Aug. 8 1853

Rev. C. Hartwood

Then we will talk about this matter at Utica.

Kind regards to Mrs. Bailey.

Very truly
your friend and
brother

S. B. Treat

Miss. Home Boston
Aug. 8. 1853

Rev. C. Kingsbury? Robinson?
Tuscarora —

Dear Brother.

Your letters of June 8. June 30, & July 31. have been duly received. What I have made some use of the report in the Herald, you will see in due time. In regard to the ripples at the boarding school. I presume you will not need to be told that no strange thing has happened unto you. Such events are very common. This is to be regretted; but such is the Indian mind that we can expect nothing better for the present. I will write to Miss Peck on the subject.

I am sorry that we have no one to go to Mt Hope. We are trying to find just such a person for Stockbridge, Choctaw station; & that place has the prior claim. Miss Palmer is gone, I know not where. I will try to see what we can do for you.

In regard to the choir of Indian girls for the Annual meeting, we have some doubts. 1. The expense will be something. 2. It might be difficult to get just the right place for them at Utica. 3. The effect on themselves of such a demonstration is questionable. 4 There is always a little risk that they will fail in the severe trial to which they will be exposed. On the whole,

Miss Ware, Boston,

Therefore, I am rather afraid to recommend their coming, though the Council, & myself especially would be pleased to hear them sing.

Kindest regards to Miss Ware(?)

Yours ever

[illegible] yours of [illegible] July [illegible] is received [illegible] with much interest. I regret that you should have any trouble such as you describe. We are sorry that the Indians are so foolish as to take away their children for any good reason whatever. But our experience in boarding schools has taught us that such things must be expected. In this case the parents are children also, & will behave like children.

I do not know the precise state of things, & may not [illegible] of the [illegible]. But it has occurred to me that I might request you & Mr. A. to suspend, for once only, the rule prohibiting a return of children who have been taken away, so that you can get back some that ought to be in the school, & yet not weaken your rule. I should of course express my approbation of the rule, & say that in no future instance shall I make such a request. How does this strike you?

I shall hope to see you at Boston(?), & may say more in reference to the school.

Kind remembrances to Miss Chitto(?).

Very truly yours S.B. Treat

Very truly

S.B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston,
August. 18. 1855.

Miss Abigail Peck,
Tuscarora. —

Dear Miss Peck

Yours of July 5th, I duly received, & read with interest. I regret that you should have any trials, such as you describe; & I am sorry that the Indians are so foolish as to take away their children, for no good reason whatever. But our experience in boarding schools has taught us that such things must be expected. For here the parents are children also, & will behave like little children.

I do not know the precise state of things, & may shoot wide of the mark. But it has occurred to me that I might request you & Mrs. R. to suspend, for once only, the rule prohibiting a return of children who have been taken away, so that you can get back some that ought to be in the school, & yet not weaken your rule. I should of course express my approbation of the rule, & say that in no future instance shall I make such a request. How does this strike you?

I shall hope to see you at Utica, & we may say more in reference to the school.

Kind remembrances to Miss Britto.

Very truly yours
S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston,
Aug. 11. 1855.

Rev. W. Willey,
Cherokees.

Dear Brother

I have just received your letter of June & July 1. including the annual report, which is just too late to be published among the Station reports in the Sept. Herald. In this respect, Fairfield is in the same situation.

I have not time to review the question of removal & location; nor is it important that I should do so at present. I write this morning for a different purpose.

You know that we have had not a little conversation in respect to the self-supporting plan. The Comee have made a beginning in your mission, as you will have learned. Dr. Palmer is to take ~~Dwight~~ Fairfield on this basis. I would now ask whether you are ready to carry out the plan at Dwight. We shall doubtless urge this point ~~with~~ our Indian missions as fast as we can with propriety, for reasons which we have considered together.

There would be some special advantages in this course. (1) It would remove you from all control of the mission, & make you independent, more so even than a pastor in Mass. You can easily see how the mission is to be constituted, probably. Mr. Ranney will go to another field, I presume. Mr Torrey prefers the Choctaws, & will be sent there. Dr. Palmer

will be independent, & not merely as a corresponding member, when he meets with the mission. You can infer from the past how the mission, thus constituted, will stand related to you. [?] Suppose Dwight is a very favorable place for you to try the self supporting plan. You will have the aid of the property there, to be used in any way you may deem most judicious. You can let it out, if you prefer to do so, & so draw Cherokees around you, as you have mentioned. But I will not enlarge.

Suppose we give you the unrestricted use of the property at Dwight, so long as you perform the work of a faithful missionary, will you take the station, & get from the place & the people what you can, releasing us from the support which we now give you? If not, will you take the station, as above, with an annual allowance for a season? If you will not take the station, upon these terms, upon what terms will you take it? As soon as you can make up your mind, please to inform me of your decision.

Kind regards to Mrs. Willey

Fraternally yours

S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
Aug 14. 1855.

Rev. [illegible] Hall
Seneca — Dear Brother

Thank you for yrs of [illegible] 30 & Aug 8. In regard to a teacher for Old Town, we have no one offering her services for such a place. We need at least two for more distant missions, who ought to be on their way to their fields in a few weeks. I think you had better "look out" for a teacher, as if all depended on you. We will do what we can to aid you.

Kind regards to all with you

Very truly yrs
S. B. Treat

Miss Horne Boston

Aug 14. 1855 Boston

Rev G. W. Wood
Lee Co. N.C. Dear Bro.

Chamberlain says that a Miss Galston, of Illinois, is willing to go to Stockbridge or take Miss Lampe's place. Have you engaged one engaged? If not, I will write to her; & if you have, I must write to her. Please to let me know. If Miss Ketchum goes out, & she can pass Miss Hobbs.

We want 2 or 3 Teachers, one for Lee's Creek, one for Old Town, & perhaps one for New Hope. also "a girl-out-of-school" lady for the ca.... Truly yours S B Treat.

Miss. House, Boston
Aug. 14. 1855.

Rev H. A. Wentz
Cherokees. — Dear Bro.

Yours of July 19. including your report, with Miss Denny's report also, I have duly received. My letter of Aug. 4 will have reached you; & I foresee that you will like our plan for Fairfield. I am glad that it is to meet your approval.

As to your own future, I am not prepared to write just now. I had supposed from previous letters that you would like the itinerant work, at least for the present. But I will talk with Mr. Wood & the Com.tt & write you again.

Kind regards to Miss Denny.

Fraternally yrs S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Aug. 14. 1855.

Mr James Orr,
Fairfield Ch. Na. Dear Bro,

You will have received my letter of Aug. 4, informing you of our plan for Fairfield. Presume you will have heard from Mr. Palmer also.

Have just received your letters of June 25 & July 4, & I thank you for your frank statements in regard to the location of Mr. Willey. It may turn out, after all, that Providence had a deep purpose in defeating our plans in this matter. May it prove so in the issue!

I shall be glad to hear brother B's going to F. has your approval.

Kind regards to all. Truly yrs S. B. Treat

Miss. Rooms, Boston,
Aug. 25, 1855.

Mr J. A. Chamberlain,
Choctaw, Texas Pro.

Yours of July 16, as also your report, have duly received. I have written to Miss Gaston that we have no one for Miss Sawyer's place, & that she may call on me for money or suggestions as to the way of getting to the mission when she pleases. I am glad that she is willing to go; tho' I thought we should find some one for the place. We are very busy.

In haste
Yours truly
S. B. Treat

Miss [illegible] Gaston

Miss'y House Boston
Augt 25, 1855.

Miss Charity Gaston
Toulon, Stark Co. Ill.

Dear Miss G.

I learn from Mr Chamberlain, that you are willing to go to Stockbridge, Choctaw Nation, to assist in the boarding school. I am glad to receive this information as I have been trying to find a lady for that place, but have not succeeded. When you need any money, or any suggestions from me as to the way of reaching the mission, please to inform me. I am now very busy in preparing for the Annual Meeting at Utica. In haste

Resp'y yrs

S. B. Treat

Miss House Boston
Aug 27. 1858.

Miss C. T. Hancock
Plattsburgh N.Y.

Dear Miss H

Since Mr Pomeroy's letter of June 23. I have had occasion to look for a teacher for the Cherokee Mission. Mr Ranney, at Lees Creek, needs one this fall; the lady whose name he mentioned, cannot go. Can you go there, leaving in the course of three or four weeks?

The school is English, for Cherokee children. The family is very pleasant; the work, though not especially encouraging, is thought by the mission to be important.

Let me hear from you as soon as may be,

Truly yrs S. B. Treat Secretary

~~Miss Hattie Boston~~ Boston

Sept 27 [illegible] 1855

Miss Charlotte Raymond

Norwalk, Ct. [illegible] Miss R.

Dear Miss

Kenney informs me that you will [illegible] return [illegible] Charleston [illegible] in some four weeks hence, [illegible] teacher for [illegible] under your [illegible] "[illegible]." [illegible] other [illegible] engaged, but [illegible] correspondence with [illegible] lady at the time. It is possible that you may [illegible] persons who will return with you [illegible] [illegible] of this [illegible] to hear from you in case of any [illegible] will report progress to you [illegible]

[illegible] Kind regards

S. B. Treat Sec. Treas.

Miss. House Boston
Aug 29. 1855.

Mr. Edwin Lathrop
Norwich City. Ct.

Dear Sir

I learn that Mr Kingsbury wishes you & Mrs. L. to go to Pine Ridge on terms that I suppose will be agreeable to you both. On this point you will hear from others. I write to say, that if you can see your way clear for your return, I shall be glad to have you go back; & you may be sure of the approbation of the Comm^ee. I write in great haste, as we are very busy preparing for the annual meeting. Kind regards to Mrs L. Truly yours S. B. Treat

Miss. Home, Boston
Augt 29. 1855.

Rev. S. H. Marsh
The Grove, Wash.
Co. Oregon T.

Dear Sir.

Yours of July 7 is before me, & I hasten to reply. By the Walla-walla station I suppose you mean the Dalls. To that we have no claim; & in it we have no interest. We gave up the station to the Methodists, after the massacre of Dr. Whitman. If you apply to the head of their operations in Oregon, I presume you will gain some information that will be valuable.

Very truly
Yours

S. B. Treat Secy

Mass. House Boston
Aug 30 1855.

Rev. Dr. Beman
Troy, N.Y.

Respected Sir.

We are all hoping that you will be at Utica, that you may help us to navigate among the rocks & quick sands of the slavery question. I think matters are in a state that you will approve, & should you be present, I shall hope the Pres. will make you Chairman of a special Com^ee on this subject. I shall esteem it a great favor if you can lend us your aid. Mr. Wood will probably communicate with you at an early day.

Yours with high respect S. B. Treat.

Miss. House Boston
Aug 30 1855

Rev A. Gleason
Versailles, N.Y.

Dear Brother,

I have time only to say that we wish you to attend the meeting at Ithaca, if you are able to talk to the people; because we need all the facilities for sustaining meetings that we can command. Of course we pay the cost. I would ask Bro. Wright to come for the same purpose; but he has hardly strength of lungs for such a work.

Kind regards to all
Truly yours

S.B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Sept 4 1855

Henry R. Schoolcraft
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir.

Your letter to Mr Anderson has remained without a reply, because we receive returns from our missions in Aug. & by waiting till they were in, I could give the latest information.

I now enclose a tabular view, which is as complete as I can make it. We have no means of stating the "missing listeners"; the same is true of "probationers".

Very respectfully
yours

S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Sept 4, 1851

Rev T. S. Williamson M.D.
Lac Qui Parle

Dear Brother,

As I am very busy in getting ready for the meeting of the Board at Utica, I have time to say but a few words. The Comee cheerfully allow you $102 extra, to meet the loss which you have suffered from the burning of a steamboat. It is right that we should make it good.

Dr Anderson will not return till Nov. Mr Thompson will come soon. We need them at the Annual Meeting; but we hope the Lord will be with us.

Kind regards to all. Truly yrs, S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Sept. 5. 1855

Miss Eliz. Y. Hancock
Plattsburgh. N.Y.

Dear Miss H.

I have just rec^d yours of Augt 31. Write in great haste to say that the $50 need be no obstacle to your going. We do not pay the debts of missionaries; but we will advance this sum to you; & we can arrange the matter hereafter. It shall give you no trouble.

You will need some outfit. You had better take a good supply of clothing, nothing more. If you need funds for this, as I presume you will, you can depend on receiving them. I start for Utica tomorrow. I shall hope to hear that you will go. Truly yours S.B. Treat

Miss. Home Boston

Septbr 6th 1855.

Mr. Sam'l T. Libby

Oak Hill, Maine

Dear Sir.

In accordance with the wishes of Mr Edwards, the Com'e yesterday appointed you an assistant missionary of the Board, & designated you to Wheelock. You will arrange with him as to the time & way of going. He wishes you to come in season to open the school at the proper time. You will be entitled to receive your travelling expenses to Wheelock immediately.

In haste, Yours truly,

S. B. Treat

[illegible] [illegible]
Sept. 5. 1855

Rev. G. W. Wood
Geneva, N. Y.

Dear Brother.

We have appointed Libby an assistant missionary, & have written to him accordingly. Have also written to Mr. Lathrop. I hope I have secured a teacher for Lee's Creek. If so, we have done all that is needful for those missions, save that I know of no one for [illegible]. Why would not Miss Aiken go there?

It would be well for one of us to see [illegible]; & yet I am not very anxious to do so. He has changed his views somewhat, & I think, will make no trouble. If Bro. [illegible] will talk about right, I think all will be well. Much will depend upon this.

In regard to the amendment, I think it in accordance with the facts; but it is rather late to make it. I am not sure but the Com. ought to be apprised of it; & there will be no meeting, unless one is called for the purpose; which is hardly worth while. Nor do I see the importance of it. What you have stated, I think, is sufficient. I would not try to guard against the possibility of Prime's quibbling. Byington will not make such a paragraph important, I am sure.

Very truly yrs. S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston,
Sept. 5, 1855.

Miss Ad. E. Avery,
Cherokee Mission.

Dear Miss Avery

Your letter of July 12, with the postscript of Aug. 13, I received yesterday. At our Com^{ee} meeting in the afternoon, I submitted your request for a release, & they granted the same. Henceforth, therefore, you may consider yourself as sustaining no peculiar relations to the Board by reason of your appointment as an assistant missionary.

I regret that we had not a station for you among the Cherokees, which was suited to your qualifications & your tastes. Some of our day schools seem to be accomplishing but little; & yet I think it is better to continue them in the circumstances than to give them up. Our boarding school experience has not been very satisfactory in that field. If a few children could have been taken into the different families, & so come more directly under household influences of the right kind, perhaps something might have done to better purpose. But that experiment, it would appear, cannot be tried now.

In connection with the foregoing [illegible] it is proper that I say that you leave us with our confidence & our affectionate regards. And I hope & trust that the Lord will be with you in all your future labors in the missionary field. It is but of minor consequence whether you come in our connection, or in that of the Presbyt Board. The work is one. And I earnestly pray that the good understanding now subsisting between these Societies may continue to the end.

I am, as ever,

Most sincerely

Yours

S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston.
Sept. 5. 1855.

Mr. Jacob Hitchcock,
Cherokee Nation,

Dear Sir

Your letter of August 2 has been received; & yesterday I laid it before the Com^ee. They are anxious to do what is right in making you a retiring allowance; & yet they feel at a loss what to say. They want to know your own views in the premises; for they will be glad to meet your wishes, if they consistently can. They make it a rule, in all such cases, to obtain some indication of what will be satisfactory to the retiring brother, before they act; & their experience has taught them the great importance of this rule.

I am sorry that any delay is to embarrass you; & on hearing from you in reply, we will act immediately. Please to inform us, then, what sum will be satisfactory to yourself, or, in other words, what you think you ought to receive, in the circumstances.

Please to present my kind regards to Mrs. H., your son & his wife.

[illegible]

Very sincerely
Yours
S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
Sept. 5. 1858

Miss Mary Kent
Seneca — N.Y.

Dear Miss Kent.

Your favor of July 30 was received & read with pleasure. I rejoice that you are not discouraged by the trials of missionary life at Cattaraugus. It is Christ's work; & he loves it, with all those who delight in it. He knows how to appreciate the devotion & sincerity of his servants, as well as their sufferings for his sake. This should be our anchor amid all our storms.

I presume I shall see you at Utica next week. Hence I will say no more now.

Truly yrs
S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
Sept 5. 1855

Rev. J. Potter
Tonecas.

Miss. House, Boston
Sept. 5. 1855

Rev. John Edwards
Lathy, N.Y.

Dear Brother

Yours of the 31st ult. was received. The Comee appointed Mr Libby yesterday, as you desired; & I have notified him of the fact. He will arrange with you as to his labors, & also as to the time of his departure. We pay his expenses to Wheelock, unless he prefers to pay them himself.

I shall expect to see you at Utica next week.

Kind regards to Mrs E.

Yours truly,

S. B. Treat.

Miss. Rooms Boston
Sept 5. 1855

Rev. J. Potter
Senecas.—

Dear Brother.

Your letters of July 16 July 30 & Augt 4 have been duly received; & I have read them very carefully, though I cannot say with much pleasure. And it seems that Old Town has been swept by the same tornado. What is to be the end of all these things? And how long shall we keep on shaking bushes that the Baptists may catch the birds?

I should be glad to visit your mission this fall, & confer about these matters, but I do not see how I can. Dr Anderson will not return till Nov. & I shall be needed here till then; & after his return there will be a multitude of questions to be considered. I have thought that Bro. Wood might be willing to pay you a visit, & inquire after your welfare, & see what is the prospect before you; but I have said nothing to him on the subject.

I suppose I shall see some of your mission at Utica; how many I do not know. Perhaps you will be there. If so, I shall be glad to see you. Affectionate greetings to Mrs P. & all with you. Fraternally yours S. B. Treat

Miss. Rooms, Boston
Sept. 5. 1855

Rev. A. Wright
Senecas. —

Dear Brother

Your favors of July 1. July 28, & July 30 have duly come to hand; & I have read them with attention & interest. You will have seen some reference to one of these letters in the Sept. Herald. That is a good story about the lightning rod. An Indian saves a missionary's house, by his deeper interest in the protective facilities of modern civilization!! This is one of the reflex benefits of missions, is it not?

We have not gone into the matter of the troubles from sectarianism at much length, though we have indicated our feelings pretty decidedly. What we have said, has been our own, not the language of the missionaries. I thought this course on the whole preferable, that you may not be more involved than is needful.

Shall we not see you at Utica? I have written to Bro. Gleason to come, that he may help "talk". If you had a strong voice we should press you into the service.

I leave for the meeting tomorrow via Rutland, where we have an ordination of 3 missionaries. Affectionate regards to Mrs W. & all. Truly yrs S. B. Treat

Miss. Rooms, Boston.
Sept. 19. 1855.

Miss Charlotte E. Raymond
Norwalk - Ct.

Dear Miss R.

Your letter of the 6th did not come into my hands till the 18th inst. I have been too busy to acknowledge its receipt. I have a young lady engaged for this Creek. Miss Hancock, of Plattsburgh. N.Y. Whether she will be able to go with you I do not know. Indeed, I do not know but you are about setting out on your return already. Please to inform me of your departure, if it is not to take place too soon for her to join you, that I may inform her of your plans. By what way do you go to the Cherokees?

Very sincerely
Yrs
S. B. Treat

Miss. Rms. Boston

Sept. 19, 18[illegible]

Miss Chl[illegible] Gaston,
[illegible] N.Y.

Dear Miss G.

Yours of Sept. 4 has just been received. You ask for information on several points, & I will give you such as I have at command.

1. Your duties at Stockbridge, if you go there, will consist chiefly in taking charge of the girls in the boarding school when they are not engaged in their studies. There will be a teacher, who will have charge of them for 5 or 6 hours; but for the rest of the time they need the care of one who can teach them to sew, & direct their recreation, & train them up in habits of neatness, &c &c. Of course, the spiritual interests of the girls are committed largely to one filling this post, & you will see at a glance that it is a station of very great usefulness. One who occupies it may form the character of the Choctaw mothers, & so do an important work for that people. The labor which the girls perform in the kitchen & dining room, will be under the direction of another lady.

If I could see you, I could go more into details; but I presume you will be able to understand pretty well what is needed, from what I have written.

2. As to the route, I cannot speak with certainty; but I suppose you will go (if at all) with a party

who will proceed in a private conveyance from Jefferson City, Missouri, by land all the way. The water communication with the Cherokee nation is very uncertain. This party, consisting of Rev. C. C. Torrey & lady, & two others probably, will not be ready till Nov. I think the journey will be pleasant; & I am quite sure that the company will be desirable.

I am not confident as to the time to be consumed by such a journey. I should suppose, however, about three weeks would be requisite for it.

3. Of course, we shall pay all the expenses of your journey; & if you need assistance in your outfit, we will render it. The salary of the teachers is $100 a year. This is a better situation than that of our brethren & sisters who are upon the ordinary basis, as they have no salaries.

I hope you will decide to cast in your lot with this large & useful mission. Those who go there are not apt to repent it. I shall be happy to hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Very sincerely
Yours
S. B. Treat
Sec. A.B.C.F.M.

Miss. Hous. Boston
Sept. 24. 1885.

Mr E. Lathrop
Norwich City.

Dear Sir

I have just rec'd your letter of Sept. 19 th inst. Good. It will be safe for you to act on the presumption of your designation to Pine Ridge; on the 25th I have no doubt the Comm^ee will make the designation, of which I will inform you.

In haste

Truly yours

S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston,
Sept 24th, 1850

Rev. C. T. Hurlburt
Plattsburgh, N.Y.

Dear Brother,

Your letter of Sept 11 & 12 has been duly received. We shall not see you at Utica, therefore you cannot go to the meeting of the Board.

I have been waiting to hear from Miss Raymond who is to return to the Cherokee station in a few days, that I might inform you of her movements. Today I had a line from her, dated Sept 22, in which she says it will be over a week & it is probably before all the arrangements can be made. She is to write me as soon as she knows the time of departure, & I will inform you. If you join her, Albany will probably be the place of junction.

If you can be ready to go in this party, I think you had better. Still, if you fail to join them for any reason, we shall probably have another opportunity. Mr & Mrs Ranney will doubtless wish you to come as soon as practicable, & there is need of your presence at Lee's Conflict once.

If you need any money immediately, you can get it of our Rec. Agent at Plattsburgh or by a draft on Mr Gordon. Perhaps you will prefer to wait & ascertain what you will need for the outfit & the $50, & then draw, or go to the

& the Bank Agent, Mr Wyeth. In either case, this letter will be a sufficient authority for him to furnish the money.

You will also receive something for expenses, say $70. You can take bills for the first part of the journey & gold for the rest, say $40 of the latter. Gold dollar pieces are very convenient; only they are easily lost.

If you conclude to join Miss Raymond at Albany, write to Mr Pettingell, our Agent, [illegible] Station, to aid you. The Delavan House will be the best place to await Miss R.

In regard to your labors at Lee's Creek, I need say nothing now. You will easily ascertain what is planned when you reach the Station. Mr & Mrs Ranney are excellent advisers.

Very truly,

Yours

S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
Sept. 25. 1858

Rev. Nelson Magee
Sumner. —

Dear Bro.

The Com.ee here this A.M. granted you & Bro. W. leave to visit your father in Illinois. If your finish by your appointments, very well; but you must go at any rate, charging us with the cost, if need be.

Affectionate regards to Bro. W. & the sisters,

Fraternally yrs

S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Sept. 25. 1858

Mr Edwin Lathrop
[illegible] City Co

Dear Sir.

It gives me pleasure to say that the Com^{tt} have appointed you & Mrs L. assistant missionaries of the Board, & designate you to Pine Ridge. You will know how to obtain the needful funds. If you apply to our Local agent at Cincinnati, this letter may be your warrant. If you prefer you can send to the Mission or Mr Gordon.

Kind regards to Mrs L.

Very truly yrs

S.B. Treat

Mission House, Boston
Sept. 26, 1855.

Rev. E. Lord
Fulton, N.Y.

Dear Sir

Yours of the 24th has just received, & I am very glad to hear that Miss Leeds has concluded to join the Choctaw mission. I trust the Lord will add his blessing.

I will thank you to give me your opinion of Miss Leeds's qualifications a little more in detail, speaking of her piety, disposition, health &c. If she is a member of your church, please to state the fact, as we always require evidence of ch. membership before an appointment. If some good lady in Fulton would endorse your statement, it would be well; & yet your opinion, in this case will be sufficient.

We will furnish Miss L's outfit, unless the ladies at F. choose to do so. She can proceed at once with her preparations, & we will see that her bills are paid.

I am not able to say definitely when the Choctaw party will set out. "About Nov. 1" is the time spoken of; that is as near as we fix the matter just now. Miss Leeds had better arrange her plans for starting about that time. She will hear more definitely hereafter.

Kind regards to [illegible]) Truly yours S. B. Treat

Miss. Rooms, Boston
Sept. 21. 1855.

Miss Eliza J. [illegible]
Plattsburgh, N.Y.

Dear Madm.

I have rec'd another letter from Miss Raymond, who says that her party are to make N.Y. city the starting point; & though the day is not entirely settled, it will most probably be Wednesday Oct. 3. The route is not agreed upon; hence Miss R. thinks you had better join her at New York. After Monday she can be heard of at Mrs Le Grand Lockwood's 127 West 14th St between 7th & 8th Avenues.

I had hoped that you could have more definite information by this time, & that the route would be through Albany. But I still think, if you can get comfortably ready by Oct. 1. that it is desirable that you should join this party. If you cannot be in readiness, we will provide another way a month later.

If you go with Miss Raymond, what shall you do? I had hoped that Mr. Pettingell would assist you in this business; but he will be away from home for some time. If I knew that you would be ready to go now, I would send some one to escort you to New York, & connect you with Miss R.; but I am in doubt on this point.

I will say, therefore, that if you can get to New York (say next Monday) by the aid of any friend

even though you may be sure (both ways) between [illegible] & New York C.S. [illegible] you will [illegible]. Mr. Ward, our Secretary at N.Y. or Mr. Solomon, both other Rooms of the Board in the [illegible] House, will render you any assistance that you may need. Find either of them & they will take charge of you.

In my letter of Sept 27, I said all that is necessary in regard to funds. You will have no difficulty, I presume, in getting what you need.

At our Comm[illegible] meeting on Tuesday you were duly appointed an assistant missionary of the Board. [illegible] I pray that the Lord will add his blessing.

Very truly

Yours

S. B. Treat

Miss. House. Boston

Sept 29, 1855.

Rev. G. W. Wood, or

Mr. Halleran, dear Brother

It is possible that Miss Hancock, who is to go to Lee's Creek, Cherokees, may conclude to join a party, Miss Raymond, &c, in New York, where they will meet before setting out for the Indian territory. Miss Raymond can be found at Mr Lockwood's, 127 West 16th St. between 7th & 8 Avenues, after Monday. The time of departure will probably be Wednesday, Oct. 3. Miss H. is now at Plattsburgh.

Should she decide to join Miss R. in New York, & should she need any aid from you, I have no doubt you will render it.

Very truly yours,

S. B. Treat

[illegible]

Rev. [illegible]

[illegible]

Dear Brother.

To your letter of July 13 I replied briefly on the 14th of August. There are other matters which you will expect me, I doubt not, to touch upon at some time. Having had a conference with the Prud. Com^ee in the premises, I will now say a few words. Mr Ward was with us, when the subject of your future labors was considered; we had, therefore, the benefit of his observation & experience in the Indian country.

Of the arrangement in regard to Fairfield, you will have fully learned; your approval of it, I fully anticipate. When Mr Palmer takes the station, what can you do?

The most ready answer is, "Engage in itinerant labors." This has been long talked of, & is on the plan of having such labor; & we see not why you cannot make the experiment as well as any one. Such a work I have supposed you would undertake, if you could at any time be relieved of the care of a station.

But it seems from your letter, that you are not altogether prepared to embark in such an enterprise. In view of this fact, I am authorized

to say that we will not lay any constraint upon you. If you feel, on the whole, that Providence does not call you to remain longer in the Cherokee country, we shall yield to your wishes.

But where shall you go? The Choctaws, as you say, are pretty well provided for, quite well, indeed, as compared with other parts of the world. We send out this fall two new preachers, one a Choctaw; our mission therefore, is not very weak in that field.

The Creeks, I must say, appear to have stronger claims than their neighbors, because of their greater destitution. Should you feel called, by reason of this fact, to endeavor something in their behalf, I see not how we could frame an argument to keep you in our service. The missionary work is one; & transfers from one Board are not very uncommon.

You will see how this subject lies in our minds; & you will take such a course as duty points out. We pray that the Spirit of the Lord may be given you to decide wisely.

Fraternally yours

S. B. Treat

P. S. The people at the Choctaw Agency wanted some one to labor there, keeping school &c. I suppose they would support him. How is it now?

Miss. House Boston
[illegible] Sept. [?] 1855.

My E. T. Howard
Hornellsville N.Y. [illegible]

I have just received your telegraphic despatch, & have replied, "I have written two letters, & will write again." Of my first letter I send a copy herewith, as it may have miscarried. My second of this date I presume will reach you, if this does.

I suppose your going with Miss Raymond will be out of the question; if so, please to inform me, & I will provide another way about Nov. 1. Any suggestions which you may need, I will give with pleasure.

Very truly yours

S. B. Treat

Mission House, Boston
Sept. 28 1855.

Rev. John Edwards
Bath, N.Y. —

Dear Brother.

I have conferred with the Com^ee in regard to your return to Wheelock this fall. So far as we are concerned we should prefer to have you go back, even though you should be obliged to come for Mrs. E next year. Your labors there would be worth more than the expense of the two journeys.

We leave the question, however, to you & your wife. If she is willing to give you up, & you think it as well to return this fall, we shall be glad to have you. But if you decide to remain, we shall be satisfied.

The expense of going to Wheelock will be diminished this fall by the necessity of having 2 or 3 teachers taken from St Louis to the Indian country. Mr Copeland & Mr Torrey speak of Nov 1 as the time of departure.

I have given directions to have the hymn books bound & sent to New York, unless there shall be a direct opportunity from Boston.

Affectionate regards to Mrs E.

As ever, fraternally
Yours

S B Treat